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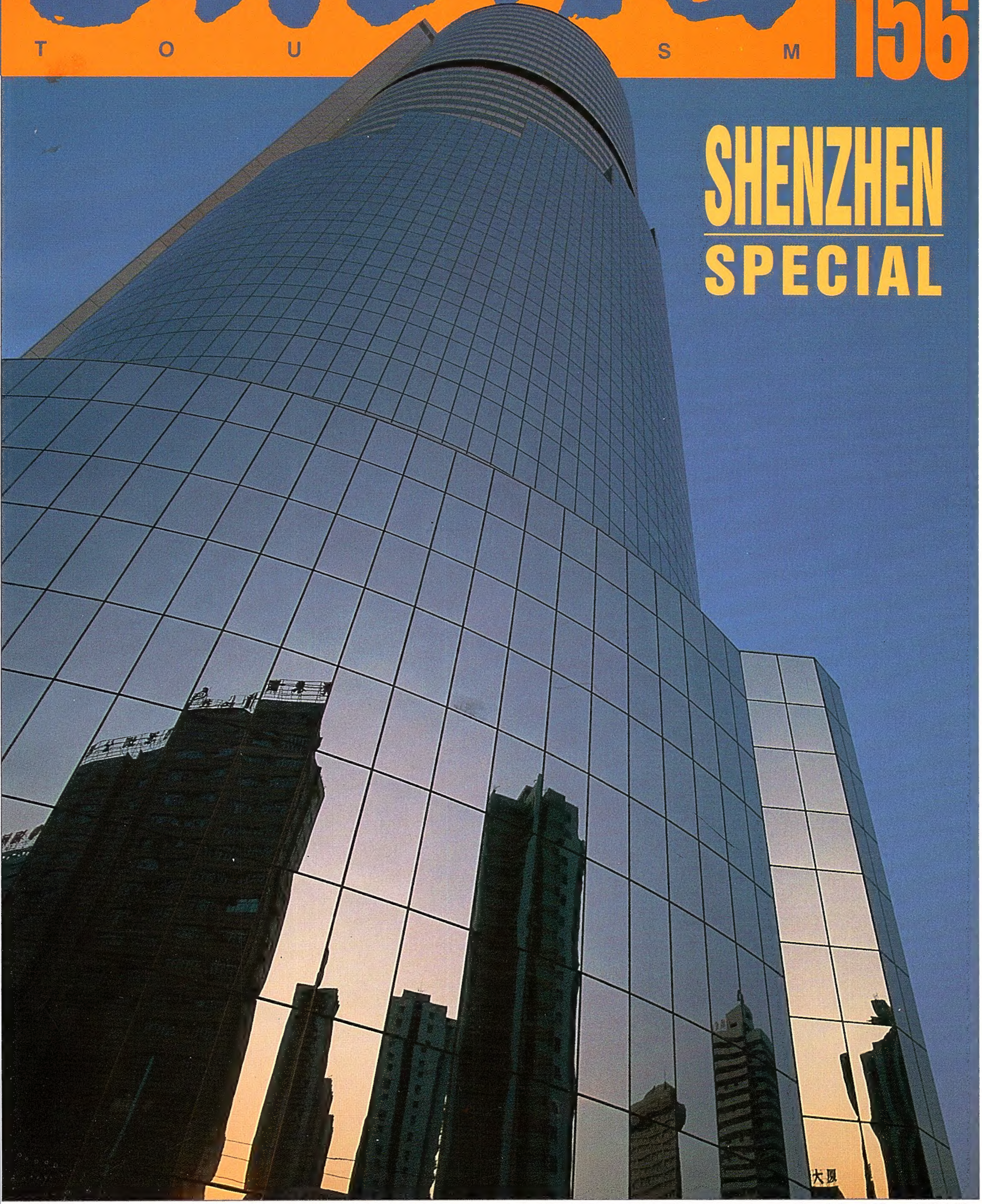

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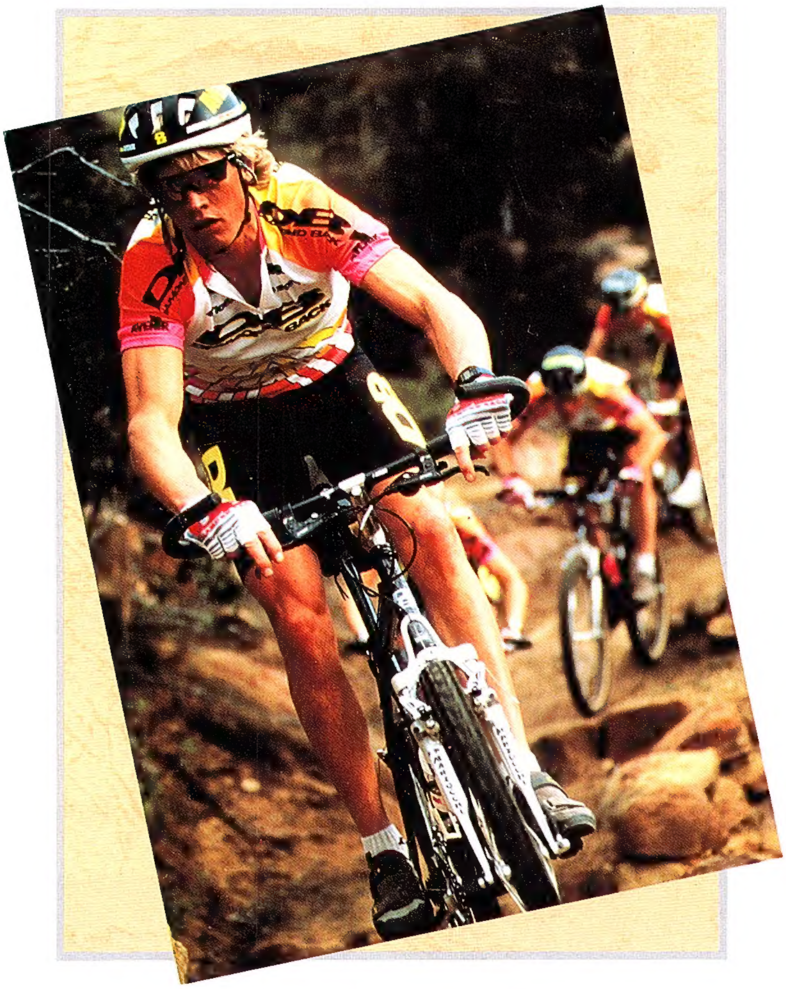

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Because of its unusual beginnings, people in Shenzhen have developed a personality and style all their own – and so has the city itself. Many people who pass through Shenzhen think of it mainly as a place to do business, however there is a great deal more that lies beneath the surface. For example, visiting Splendid China and China Folk Culture Villages is an excellent way to learn about many of the historical sites, scenic wonders and minority customs in China, and gives one a good idea of all China has to offer the tourist. In addition, Shenzhen's night life is vibrant, with karaoke, song-and-dance halls, all kinds of restaurants and much more. There are also several excellent holiday resorts, beautiful lakes, international-standard golf courses and many cultural facilities as well.

So before your next trip to Shenzhen, take a look at this issue of CHINA TOURISM first. You might be surprised at how much you didn't know!

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Article by Guo Hongyi & Shi Bao Xiu

Originally Shenzhen was a town of only 30,000 inhabitants, mostly Hakka people from the Bao'an District. Just over ten years later, 2.4 million people call Shenzhen home, all immigrants from elsewhere in China. People come here for its location, job opportunities, exciting night life and "open" atmosphere, all of which combine to make it one of China's fastest-growing urban areas.

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Shenzhen is rapidly becoming a favourite weekend and holiday getaway for people from Hong Kong and elsewhere. The city has developed a variety of tourist attractions, and has several top-quality holiday resorts. There are also beautiful lakes, a botanical garden, an active Buddhist temple, hundreds of restaurants and many cultural facilities, all within this one Special Economic Zone.

Shenzhen's Booming Night Life

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Article by Guan Fei & Jun Feng

It would be difficult to be bored in the evening in Shenzhen, as there are a multitude of entertainment facilities all across the city. Bars, karaoke, song-and-dance halls, discos and restaurants often stay open all night, offering both visitors and the hardworking residents of Shenzhen ample opportunity for relaxation and recreation.

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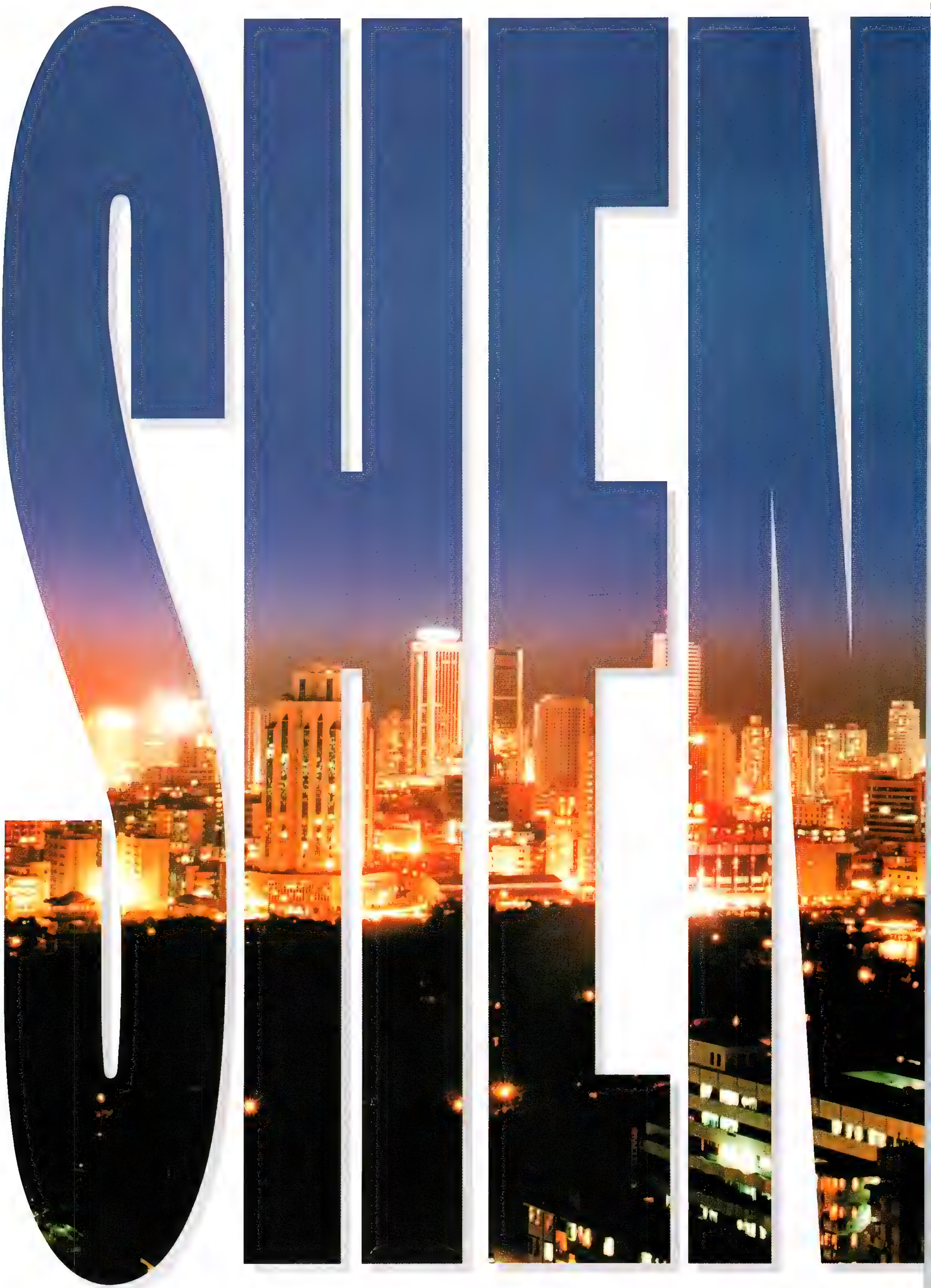
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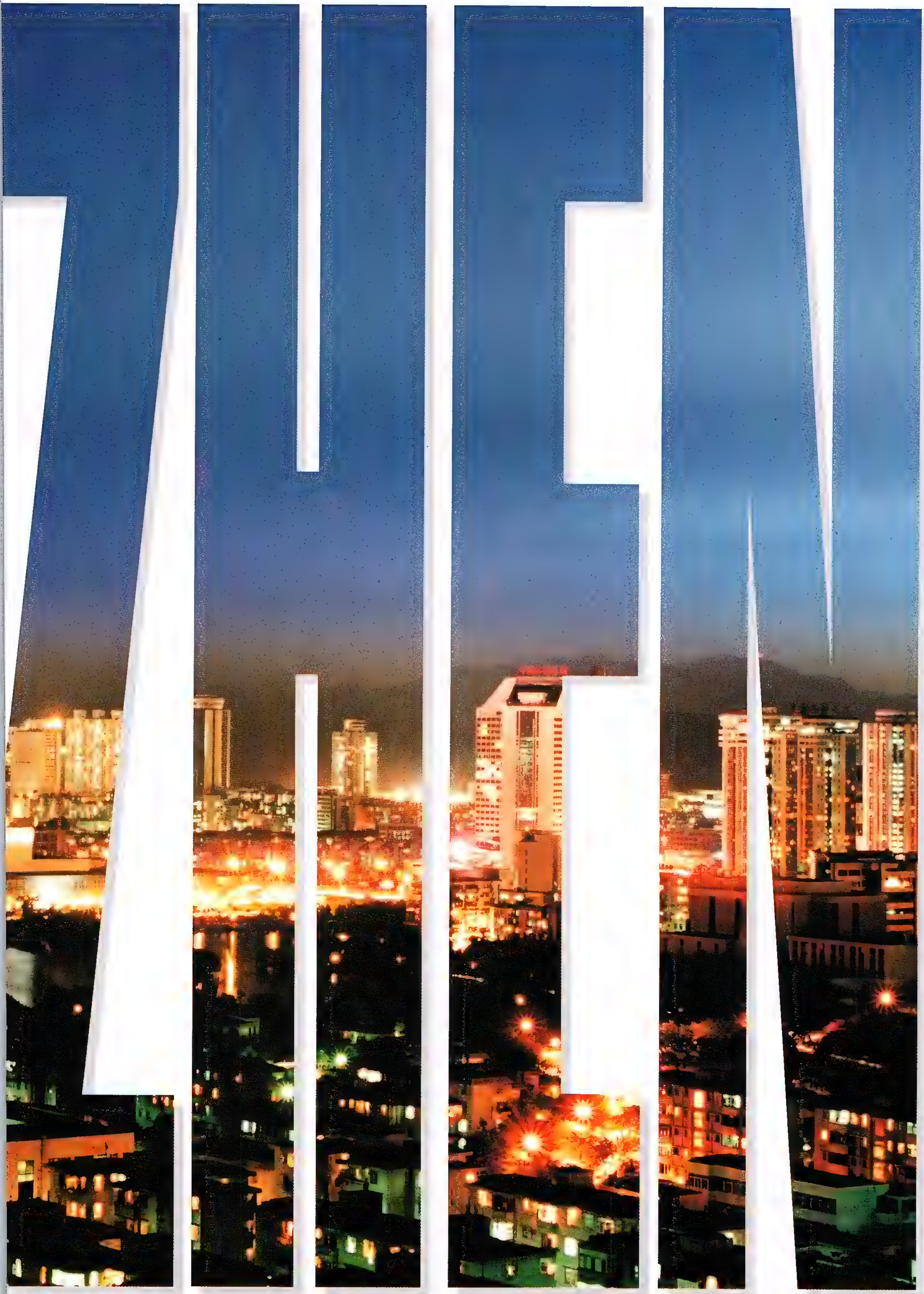
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SHENZHEN: A NEW FRONTIER

Shenzhen was set up as a Special Economic Zone in 1980, and since then miraculous changes have taken place. This former frontier town that was once under the jurisdiction of Bao'an County has now become one of the most modern cities in China, with thousands of tall buildings reaching skyward. An airport, seaports, railway stations and customs houses have been built and put into use one after another. Beautiful holiday villas, amusement parks, luxury hotels and restaurants are always crowded and business is booming.

A young city, the average age of the population is just 27. Like young people everywhere, Shenzhen residents are followers of fashion. Whether it is the investment craze, the stock market craze or the inflow of hired labourers, once the fad begins everyone rushes to join in.

A City of Immigrants

Within a period of only ten years, Shenzhen's population has soared and now numbers almost 2,400,000, 80 times the original residents. A city of immigrants, people have come here from all the provinces and autonomous regions of Mainland China, as well as Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and abroad. People of all backgrounds and social standing live together and work together.

Shenzhen's history as a city of immigrants dates as far back as the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279). Then no more than an unknown village, it later became a small town whose residents were all followers of the last Southern Song emperor. To understand how this came about, we must know the following history.

Having been defeated by Mongol troops who were still marching south, Southern Song troops and subjects were escorting the young emperor, Zhao Bing, who was fleeing Hangzhou, then the capital of the Southern Song Dynasty. They took a route along the coast through Fujian, Shantou and Huizhou. Finally, they arrived at the seaside near a town called Lingdingyang. Unable to escape and being pursued by the Mongol troops, the Song prime minister Lu Xiufu carried the young emperor on his back and jumped into the sea, drowning them both. The followers and common people who fled south with them settled down around Shenzhen Bay. Since then, they and their descendants have been called Hakka, which means "settlers from another province".

On the Border of Hong Kong

Shenzhen and Hong Kong are linked together by the Luohu Bridge, which for more than 40 years has been a major gateway connecting Mainland China to the outside world. Ten years ago, there was only a railway bridge and the sole means of transport was by train. Later a pedestrian bridge was built, and the customs houses and railway stations on both banks of the river were expanded. In spite of this addition, the bridge is always crowded. Statistics show that 30 to 40 million people per year pass over this bridge.

In the east of Shenzhen is a small town called Shatoujiao, where a famous street named Sino-British Street can be found. This 250-metre-long, five-metre-wide street is bisected by a row of boundary tablets, on the sides of which are engraved the names of the two governments in power at the end of the last century. This is perhaps the only place where one can literally straddle the border between Hong Kong and China. Formerly a heavily-guarded forbidden town, Shatoujiao has now become a tourist must for Chinese visitors to Shenzhen.

Although Shenzhen has no great mountains, scenic spots or historical sites, its special geographical position, excellent tourist facilities and good service continually attract travellers from both China and abroad. In addition to tourists, many visitors come here on business, as companies throughout China often have offices in Shenzhen. Due to all these factors, Shenzhen has become one of China's most successful and fastest-growing cities, attracting more and more visitors every year.

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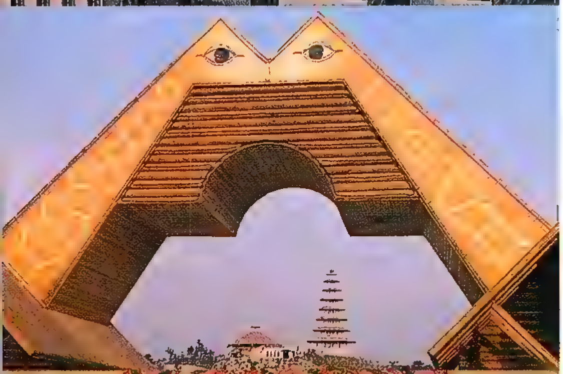
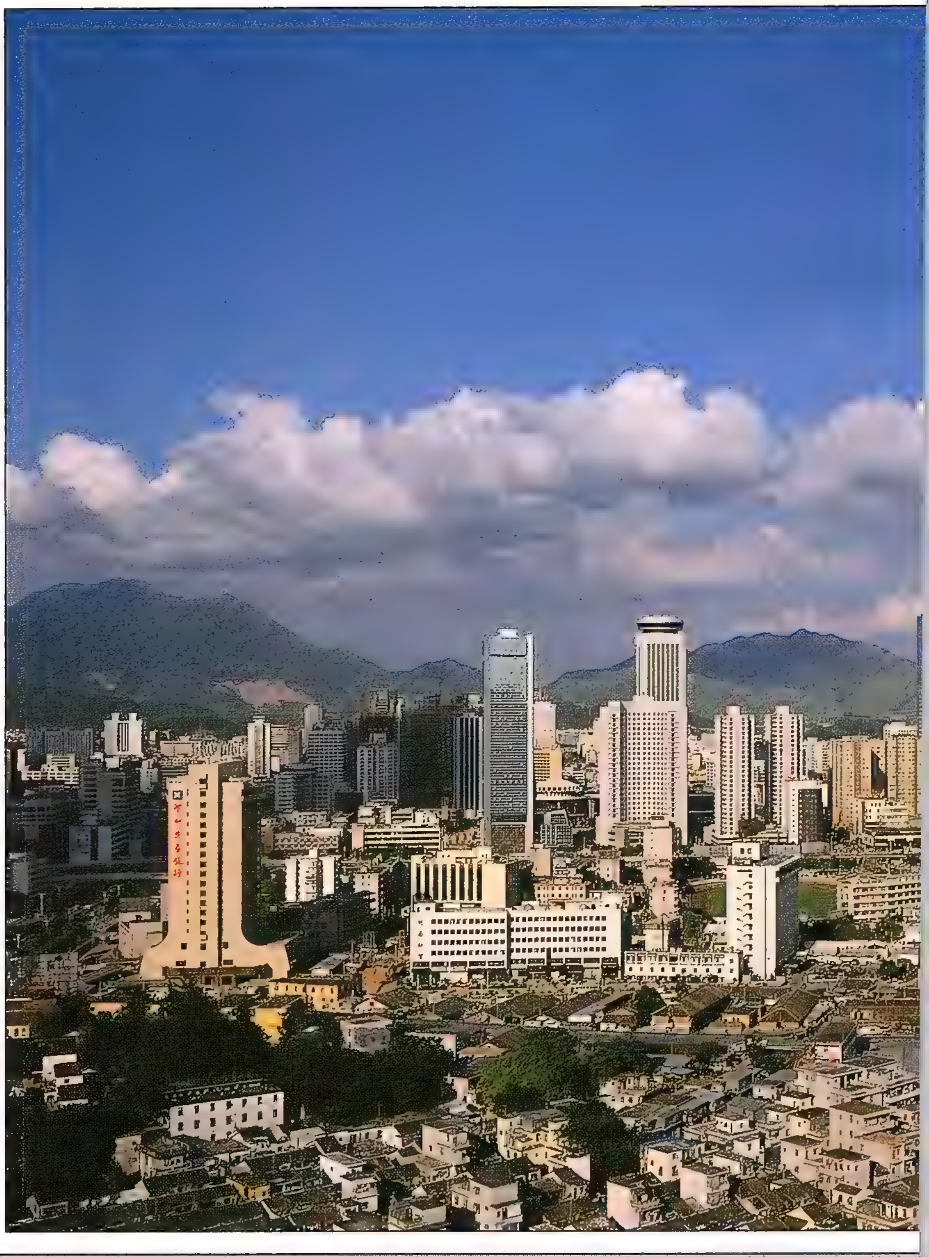
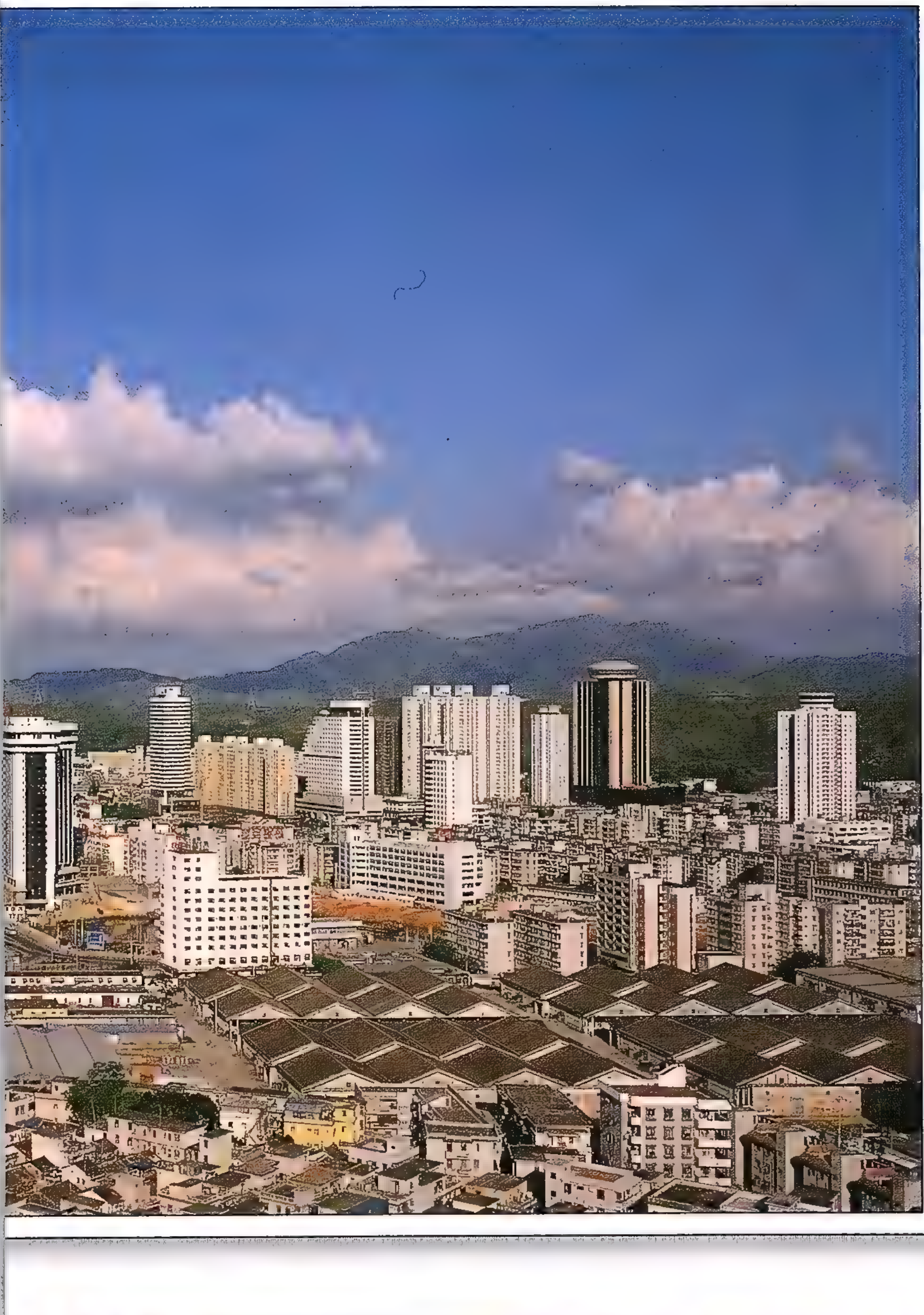




Originally a small border town near Hong Kong, Shenzhen has seen enormous changes in the past decade. It is now one of the most modern cities in China, with thousands of highrises and commercial buildings, deluxe hotels, elegant villas and a wide variety of recreational facilities.



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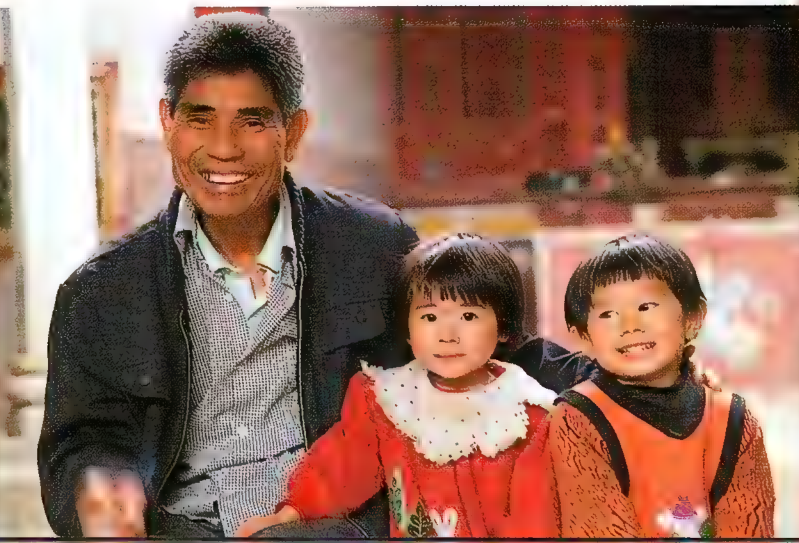
In addition to the local people, new "immigrants" from all over China now live and work in Shenzhen. The average age of Shenzhen's present population is a young 27 years old.



Though Shenzhen has no famous mountains or historic monuments the city's entertainment facilities are excellent. Karaoke, song-and-dance hall restaurants and discos are just some of the exciting nocturnal activities.

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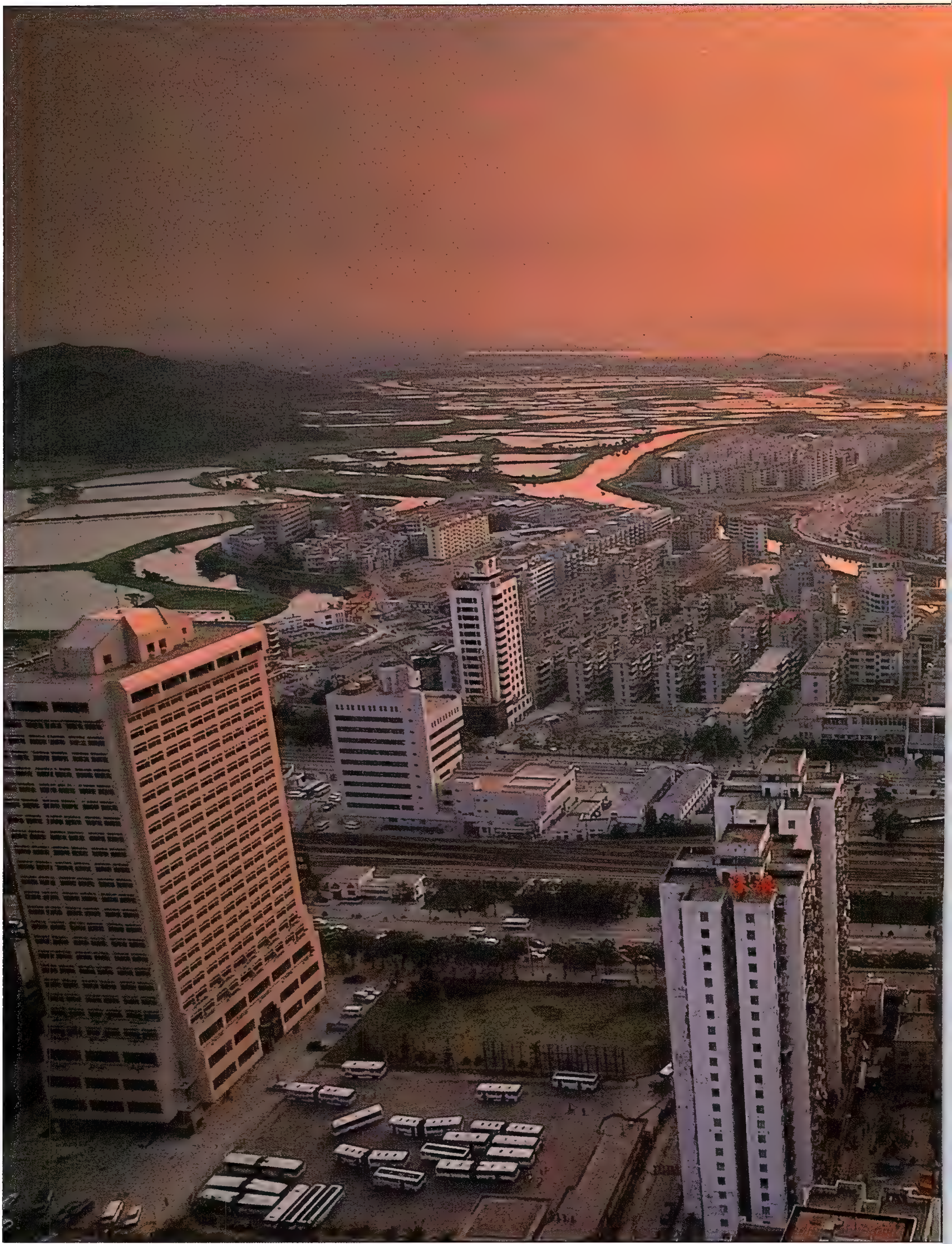

The boundary river between Hong Kong and China, Shenzhen River, was once quiet and calm. Now, the right bank of the river is almost entirely developed, with new buildings sprouting up all the time.

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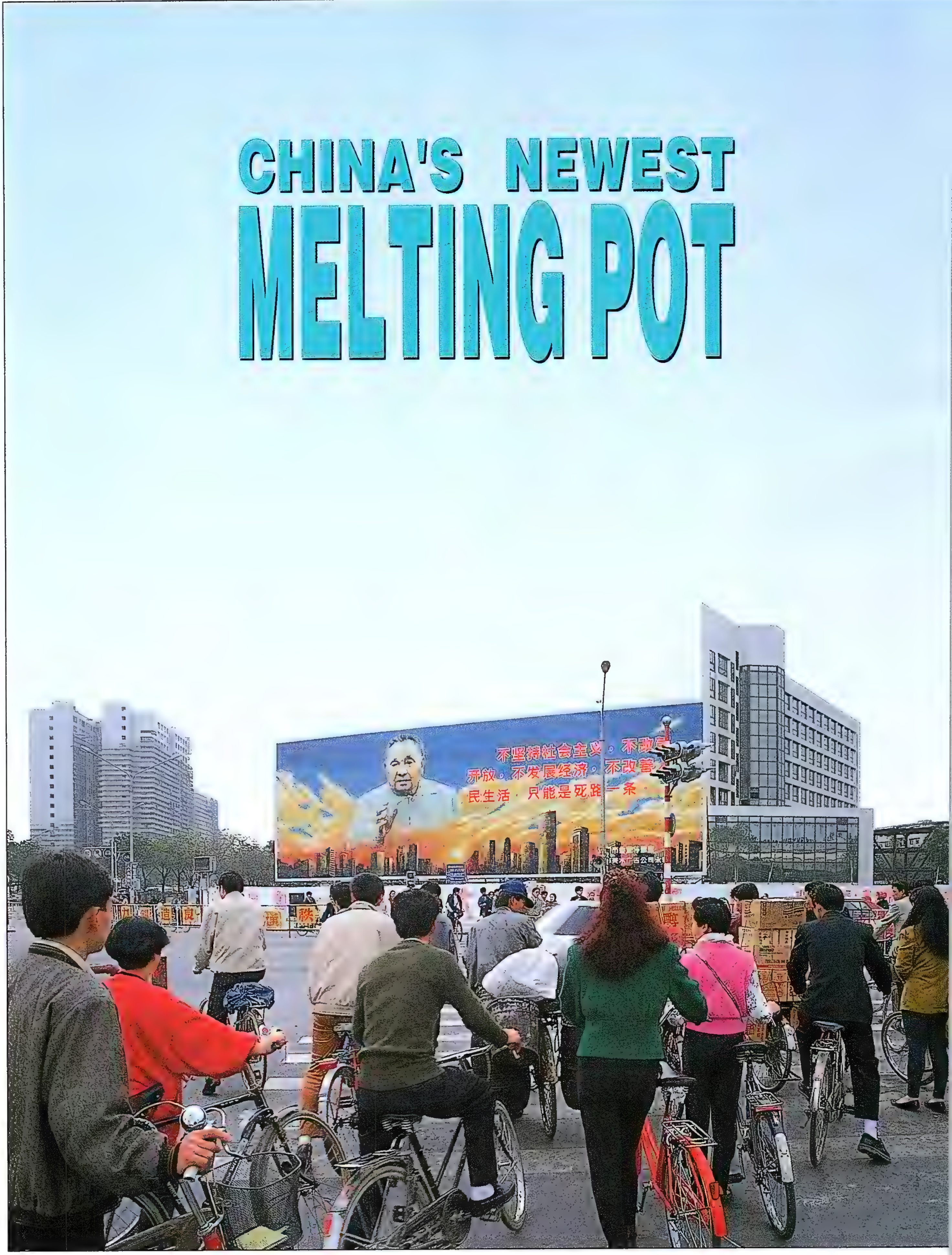
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A huge portrait of Deng Xiaoping greets bicyclists on Shennan Avenue.

Just ten years ago, Shenzhen was nothing but fields, small villages and vast expanses of desolate beach. Today, it is a thriving, rapidly-developing city of 2.4 million people, many immigrants who have come here from all over China. Due to these circumstances, Shenzhen people are an unusual breed. They have chosen to bid farewell to poverty and idleness, and are making their mark on the world, offering a bright vision of the future for people in the rest of the country. Compared with other cities in China, Shenzhen is, indeed, quite unique.

Parents are organizing a birthday party at McDonald's for their children.

Business is on Everyone's Mind

It is said that Xi'an people like to argue, Beijingers love to talk politics, and Shenzhen people discuss business. When friends meet, they inevitably end up exchanging all manner of business information. Whether it is over meals or mahjong, business talk predominates. In Shenzhen, the age-old Chinese belief that a gentleman should not discuss money is considered an outdated notion, and has long since disappeared.

"Time is money" seems to be the accepted philosophy here, if the pace of life is any indication. Although people in Shenzhen do not walk quite as fast as those in Hong Kong, they certainly outpace people in any other part of China. Portable phones are everywhere, another indication of how eager people are to step into the modern world. In fact, Shenzhen boasts the highest number of portable phones per capita in the entire country.

Easy Come, Easy Go

Shenzhen people's spending habits are quite different from those of other Mainland Chinese people. The Chinese like to say that the Shanghainese are frugal, Harbin people tend towards ostentation and extravagance, while a Cantonese will only spend what he has in his pocket. Shenzhen people, however, seem to have a dual nature: when it comes to business, they spare no expense, but in their daily lives what matters most is practicality and convenience.

For instance, when a Shenzhen person buys a house, the first thing he will do is to install a telephone, no matter what the cost or difficulty, as it is essential when doing business. And when entertaining friends or business associates, Shenzhen people have no hesitation in ordering the best cuisine.

Cai Shuhong

From Chaozhou in eastern Guangdong, 33-year-old Cai Shuhong is one of Shenzhen's leading restaurateurs. He began his studies in 1985 at Shenzhen University, and during his freshman year ran the school canteen. After graduating with a double major in Economics and Law, he now owns eight restaurants, and is a shining example of Shenzhen's economic miracle. He is also the director of the Calligraphy and Painting Association in Shenzhen, and many fine works grace the walls of his restaurants.

Fashionable boutiques and shops line Nantang Street in Shenzhen, attracting the curious stares of passers-by.

Martial arts, practised for both health and protection, thrive in Shenzhen.

Although studio photography is not cheap in Shenzhen, it has become very popular with people wanting a professional souvenir of themselves.

At the same time, they can also be very frugal. For example, in other cities in China, when people host an expensive dinner, they deliberately leave the leftover food on the table to demonstrate their wealth. But not in Shenzhen: in even the fanciest restaurants doggy bags are considered perfectly acceptable. When not eating out with friends or business clients, Shenzhen people will usually prefer a cheap and quick lunch at McDonald's or some other fast food restaurant.

Work Hard and Play Hard

Apart from food, Shenzhen people pay a great deal of attention to their clothes. Even unusual designs and colours find plenty of customers, and the latest fashions in the West are quickly adopted by Shenzhen people. Perhaps because of this, many of China's most renowned models come from Shenzhen, including the country's first team of professional models.

◄ ***Aerobic dance is another fad recently introduced to Shenzhen. This fitness centre was set up by an American company.***

Nowadays, Shenzhen women enjoy visiting beauty salons, where experts from Hong Kong can often be found teaching the latest techniques.

Night life in Shenzhen is also thriving these days. Bars, nightclubs and recreational halls are brightly lit all night long. After a hard day's work, people relax by singing, dancing, drinking and eating. Enjoying themselves at night, they believe, will make them work harder the next day.

Dabbling in stocks is one of the most popular pastimes in Shenzhen, which should come as no surprise as this city was the first in China to have its own stock exchange. Everyone, even farmers, housewives and university students, buy and sell shares. To many, keeping an eye on the fluctuations of shares prices is a normal part of daily life. This love for buying and selling shares may be attributed to the fact that most people experienced many difficulties and risks in coming here to build a new city, therefore they are used to small setbacks and failures. Shenzhen people understand that one cannot make money without taking some risks.

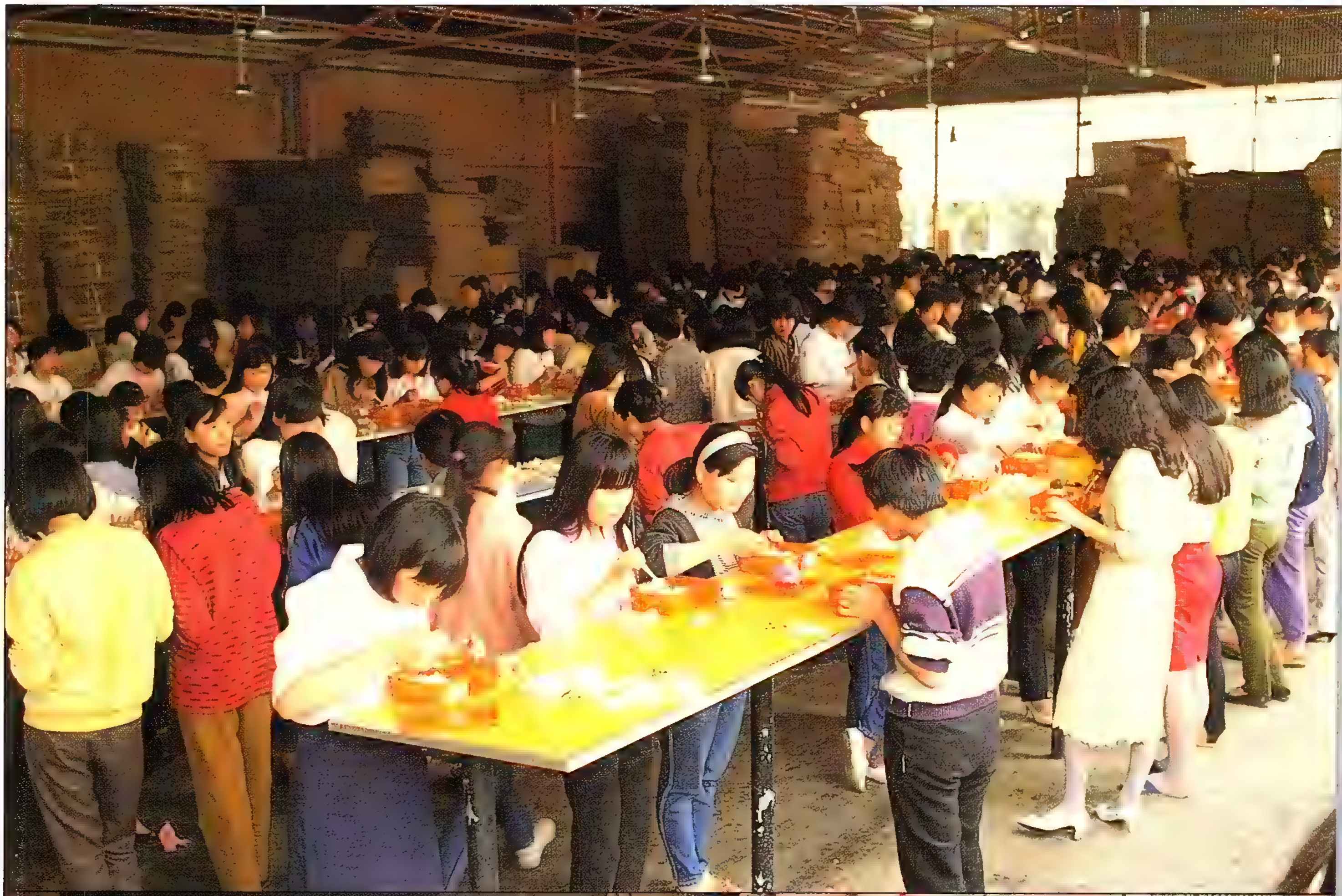
The Language of Success

As Shenzhen is a Special Economic Zone, the conditions for success are different from other places in China. Here seniority is not important, nor is one's background. It is talent, one's appearance and being young which

Wu Shixiong

Art is also a thriving business in Shenzhen, as attested to by the success of Wu Shixiong, a 40-year-old graduate of the Guangzhou Fine Arts Institute. After completing his studies, he worked for a time in the Guangdong Pottery and Porcelain Research Institute, and then in 1984 came to Shenzhen. He began working in an advertising company, but soon afterwards opened his own design and printing firm. Within six years he made enough money to buy his own house, an office and a small art gallery. He owns over 300 *objets d'art*, both collectables and his own work, which have been exhibited at the Shenzhen Museum. Last year he also established the Shenzhen Art Research Association and invested in a book publishing company. Who knows what will come next for this all-round artist and entrepreneur?

This factory is owned by a Japanese boss who stresses efficiency above all else. The workers' lunch breaks are so short they have to eat while standing up.



Many of Shenzhen's female workers come from Sichuan and Hunan provinces. They are generally hard-working, frank and open to new ideas.

count. People succeed here through hard work and education, the latter being especially important. In one electronics plant I visited, for example, 90 per cent of the 69 workers were professional technicians, with fully half of them professors, senior engineers, and people with Ph.D and Master's degrees.

Playing golf in Shenzhen, like anywhere else, is a recreation for the well-to-do. The caddies here are often women who have come to Shenzhen looking for work.

A full 90% of the 1,000,000 workers who have come to Shenzhen from elsewhere are young women, causing a very unequal male-female ratio in the city.

People in Shenzhen also have more contact with the outside world than people in the interior of the country, due to its location. Many teachers, writers, correspondents, calligraphers, photographers, singers and dancers in Shenzhen have had cultural exchanges with their counterparts in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

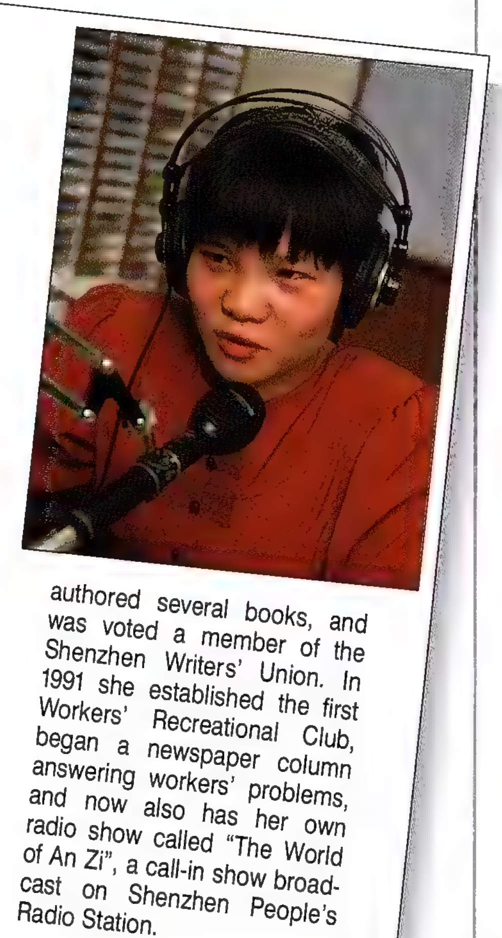
For this reason, being able to speak standard Mandarin is of great importance. This is true within Shenzhen as well, as it is a city made up of people from all over China. Since each place has its own dialect, and minority people also often have languages quite different from standard Mandarin, it is sometimes like being in the Tower of Babel. In one office there could be seven people each from a different province, thus getting across just one simple sentence can be very time-consuming. It is therefore necessary for all managers at least, to speak standard Chinese.

Women the Backbone of the Economy

Most of the two million immigrants in Shenzhen are between 20 and 30 years of age, with one third of them young women. A great deal are well-educated, especially those from the north, and many are college graduates.

There are abundant opportunities for these women in Shenzhen, since the city has hundreds of hotels, restaurants, companies and factories that need talented workers. Each company also has its own PR office, and these generally prefer hiring educated women with a professional appearance. Thus, demand has created adequate supply in this free-market style economy.

A good example of how women fare in Shenzhen is the story of a woman I met from



An Zi

Originally named An Lijiao, An Zi's first success came when she wrote a book describing her experiences as a worker in Shenzhen. This 26-year-old woman from Meixian County in Guangdong came to Shenzhen in 1984, where she worked in an electronics factory, a hotel, a graphic arts firm, an interior decorating company and others. Not satisfied with the lot of a low-level worker, and since she had already done a correspondance course in Chinese at the Beijing Normal School, she decided to improve her education by taking a weekend diploma course in Chinese at Shenzhen University. Since then, she has authored several books, and was voted a member of the Shenzhen Writers' Union. In 1991 she established the first Workers' Recreational Club, began a newspaper column answering workers' problems, and now also has her own radio show called "The World of An Zi", a call-in show broadcast on Shenzhen People's Radio Station.

Shenzhen people check stock prices in the papers and wait for the right moment to buy shares.

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These young men "work" all day buying and selling shares at this stock exchange, hoping to strike it rich.

Sichuan. Previously, she had worked as a translator in a factory, but then three years ago gave up her job and came to Shenzhen. As she had studied English in university and was able to speak good English, her chances for employment were quite high. Due to her intelligence, appearance and good educational background, she was soon employed by a foreign-run hotel, and not long after was promoted to department manager. This is just one of the many rags-to-riches stories typical of this burgeoning town.

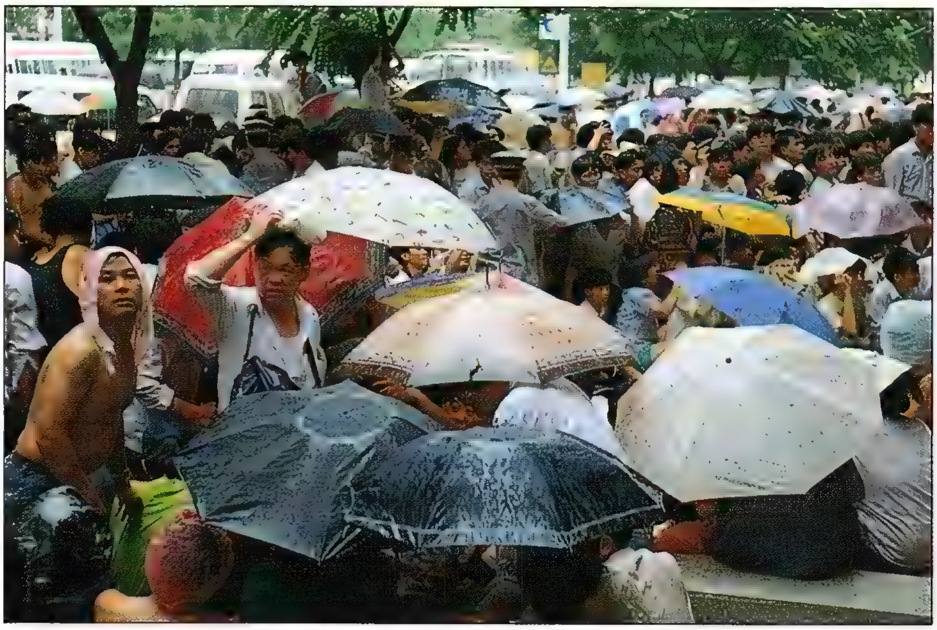
In Shenzhen, the hardest-working people are the immigrant labourers with less education, and again, the vast majority are women. Motivated by the desire for a better standard of living, they come to Shenzhen in groups with only very simple luggage. Some of them might have travelled over 500 kilometres to get here, although a large number of the women come from southern China.

The most popular magazines in Shenzhen are those which teach people techniques and strategies for making money on the stock market.

During the first two years, they live a very simple, thrifty life. They work hard, but in the beginning are often careless about their appearance, which is incompatible with this modern city. After a certain period of adjustment, however, they blend in and look just as cosmopolitan as anyone else. In order to improve their work possibilities, some go to night schools, hoping that one day they will be hired by a good company.

A City of Entrepreneurs

The number of self-employed entrepreneurs in Shenzhen tops that of any province or city in China, greater perhaps than even in Hong Kong. The appeal of being one's own boss is understandably strong, as money can buy many of the luxuries of life not available to ordinary workers.



Neither wind nor rain can keep people from queuing up to buy shares.

Seeing some of the more successful business people here, it is hard to imagine that only ten years ago, they may have had nothing but old corrugated tin shacks to live in. Back then, the average living space per person was just five square metres. People got up early and went to bed late, living on nothing but instant noodles.

When one looks at it in this light, it is clear that Shenzhen is a golden land of opportunity for those willing to work hard and persevere. It is, in fact, these characteristics that have transformed Shenzhen, step by step, into the flourishing city it is today.

Another Success Story

The original inhabitants of Shenzhen are nicknamed "Old Bao'an", after the neighbouring town they come from. They, too, have contributed to the success of Shenzhen. Whereas they used to toil in paddy fields and live in small huts, they now have their own two or three-storey houses, and often are shareholders in factories as well.

Zheng Xiaoxing

Auctions recently started up again in Shenzhen, and 35-year-old Zheng Xiaoxing, a graduate of the Shanghai Customs Training School, is one of China's most well-known auctioneers. In June of 1991 the Shenzhen Movable Property Auction Office was officially opened, with Zheng chosen for the position of auctioneer out of 300 candidates. Due to his outstanding success in his field, he has earned himself the nickname "China's No. 1 Mallet".

The inhabitants living in the suburbs of Shenzhen have had to make a lot of changes to adjust to its metropolitan life style.

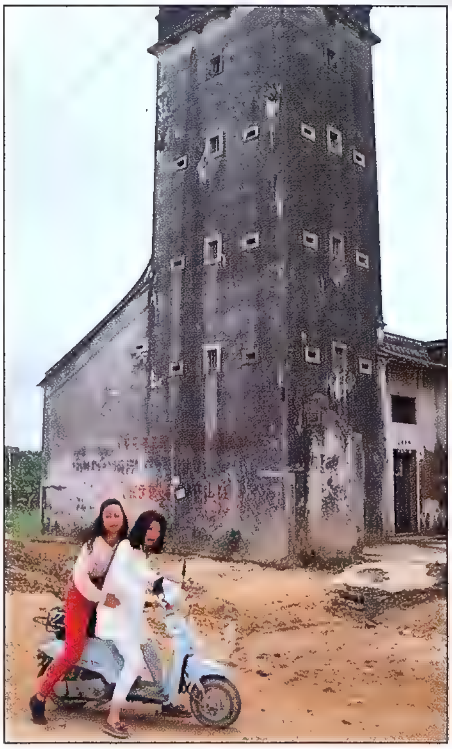
People from "Old Bao'an" do not need to worry any more about having adequate food and clothing, leaving them time to enjoy their grandchildren.

Chen Tianle

Chen Tianle's family have been farmers for generations in Luofang Village, just three kilometres from Shenzhen. Half of his vegetable plot is in China and the other half in Hong Kong, so people who work on his farm must cross the border every day, a rather unusual situation. Due to his farm's location, his vegetables can be easily sold in Hong Kong. But the people in Luofang have gone one step further and co-operated with foreign investors to start up their own leather factory. Producing items such as leather shoes and bags, the company's annual turnover is more than Rmb¥57 million. Called the Luofang Corporation, each of the 100 workers receives a year-end bonus of Rmb¥20,000. Previously the head of Luofang Village, 50-year-old Chen Tianle is now director of the Luofang Corporation, but still works as a regular farmer as well, not one to let success go to his head!

Mr. Cai is an "Old Bao'an" in his early 60s. Originally a farmer, he used to speak with a thick Hakka accent, which was very difficult for other people to understand. He used to come across the border to Hong Kong every day to till land, using his farming pass. When he returned home after work, he would bring clothes and other daily items and sell them on the sly. In this way, bit by bit, he earned quite a remarkable sum. When modernization began in Shenzhen, he had enough money to open his own clothing shop.

Now he speaks standard Mandarin and has in his employ female staff who also speak Mandarin. Early in the morning every day, he takes a leisurely stroll in Lizhi (Lichee) Park. At home, Martell and Rémy Martin are always at the ready. On his days off, he puts on his Sunday best, combs his hair neatly, and goes to the local café to sip coffee or beer and listen to light music.



When dusk falls, the parks and gardens are where people go to relax and enjoy themselves. Children, with their mothers nearby, run about on the green grass without a care in the world. These children are the second generation of Shenzhen immigrants. When they grow up, they will be permanent residents of Shenzhen. Judging from the way things are going, this generation promises to be even more well-educated and successful than their parents — not an easy task!

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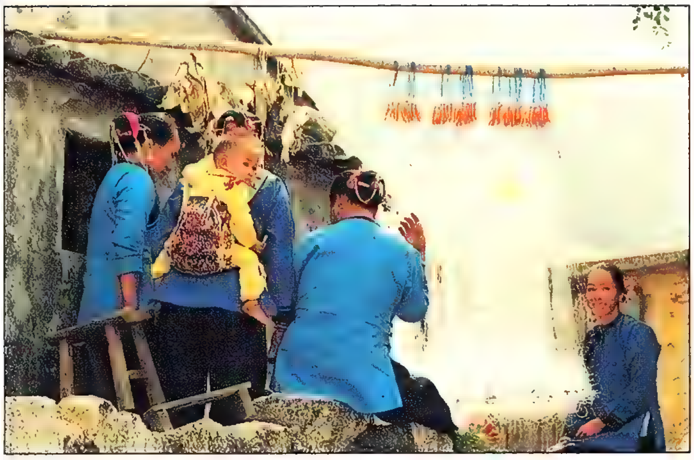
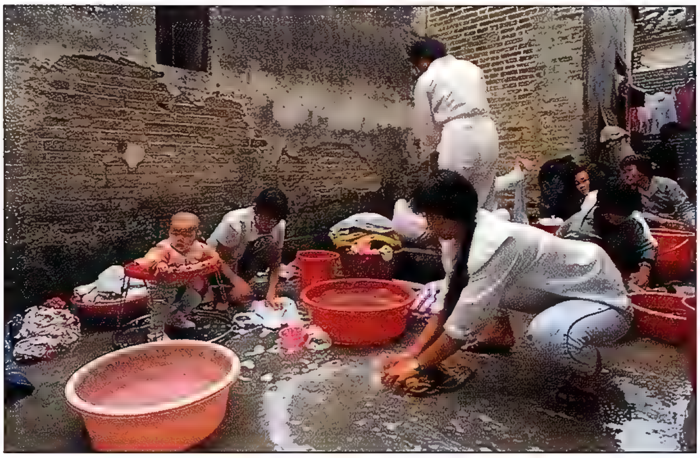
◀ *The blockhouses of the Hakka people have existed for decades, but now stand unoccupied and in ruins, soon to be developed by the authorities.*

The fisherwomen from Bao'an Village, wearing their traditional costumes, still make their own fishing nets.



In strong contrast to Shenzhen's modern skyscrapers, one still sees washing done in the old way, using well water and washing tubs.



At Splendid China, this Dong village by night looks peaceful and quiet.

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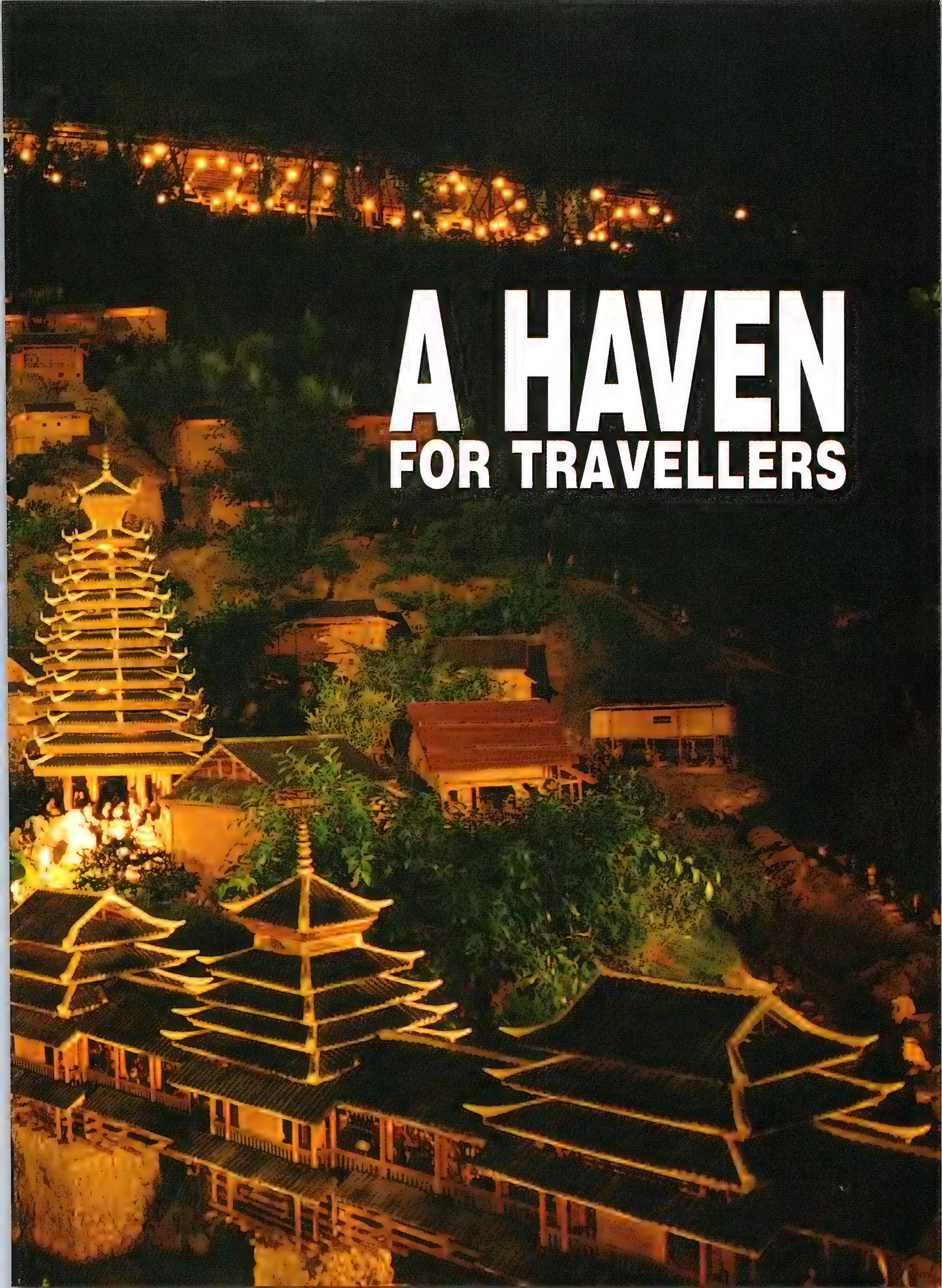

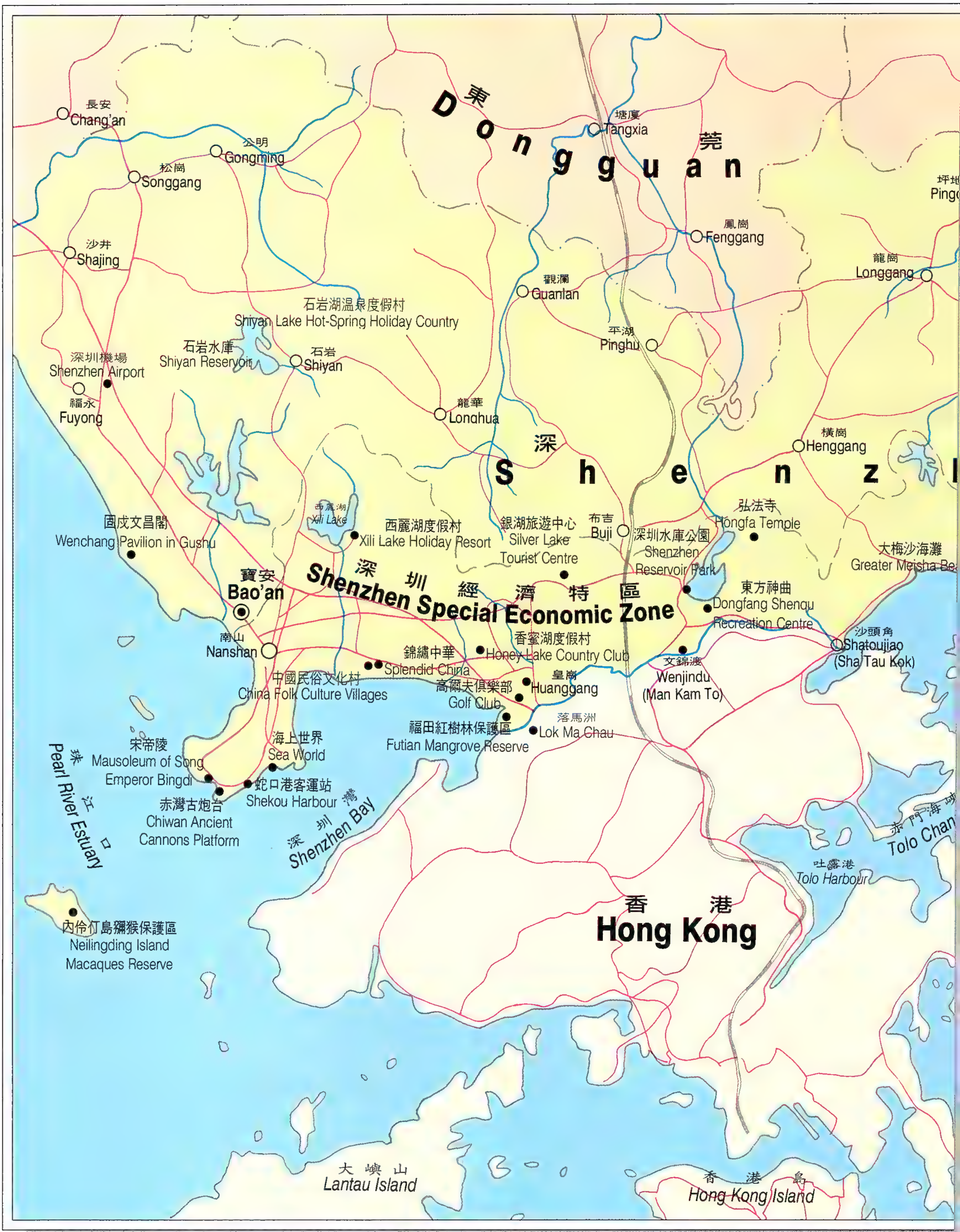
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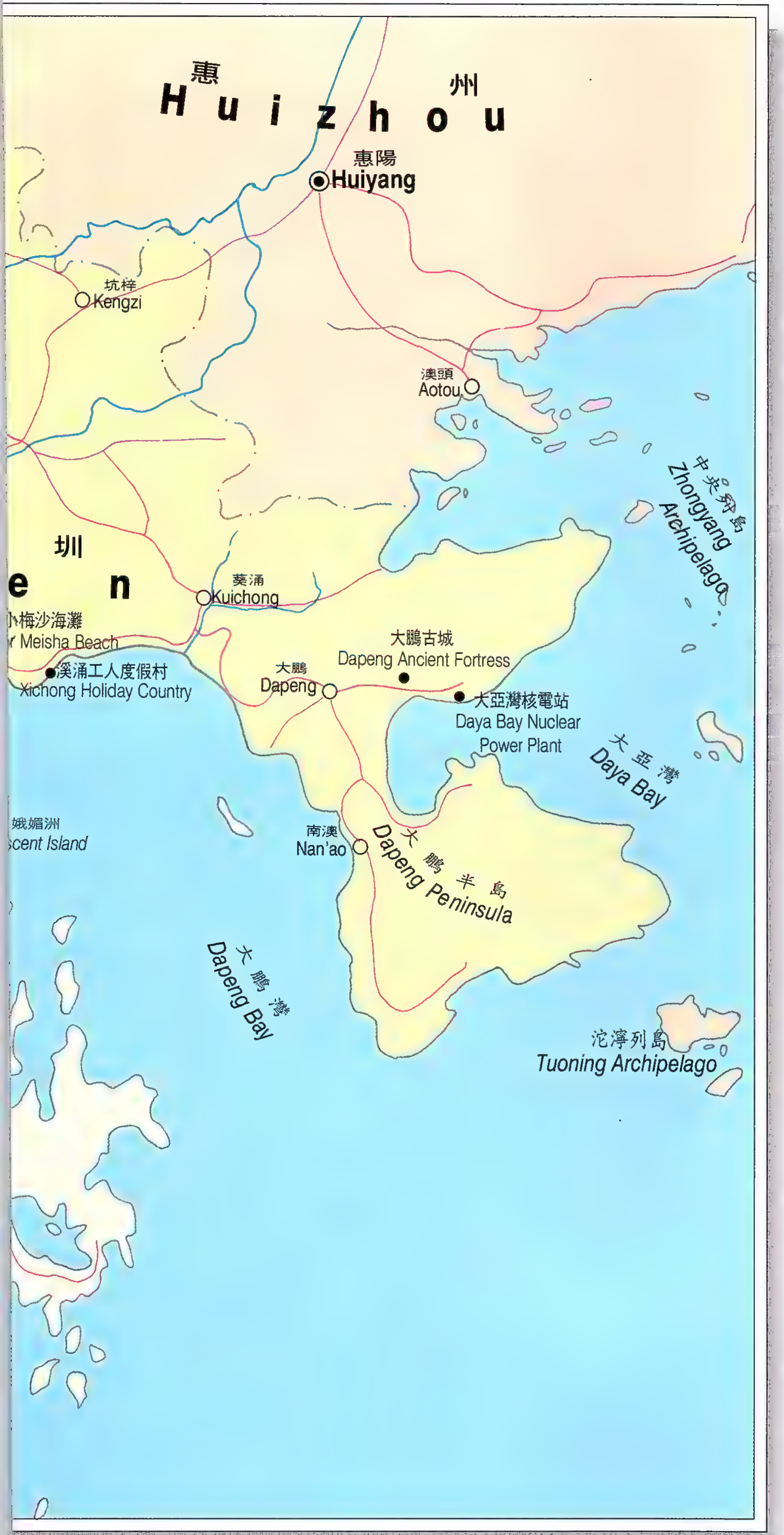
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Shenzhen has, no doubt, become one of China's most popular tourist destinations, for both Hong Kong people and visitors from overseas. No longer just a place where people come to do business, Shenzhen now boasts a wide variety of holiday resorts and tourist facilities.

Shenzhen began developing its tourism only a decade ago, starting literally from scratch. Between 1980 and 1984, it "created" within the city nine major tourist attractions at Xili Lake, Honey Lake, Shiyan Lake, East Lake, Silver Lake, Shekou Sea World, Shenzhen Bay, Lesser Meisha Beach and Daya Bay.

Over the past few years, the number of tourist attractions has continued to expand to include the Xianhu (Fairy Lake) Botanical Garden, two international golf courses, Spendid China, which features miniatures of well-known Chinese landmarks, China Folk Culture Villages and the Lizhi (Lichee) Festival, all of which significantly boosted the city's tourism industry.

The different tourist attractions in Shenzhen are located in two major areas of the city — the western and eastern suburbs. In the western suburbs are Honey Lake, Xili Lake, Shiyan Lake and the Futian Mangrove Reserve, with Shekou at its centre. Also in the same area are Splendid China, China Folk Culture Villages and Window on the World.

Visitors to the eastern suburbs will find a more natural scenic environment, and will also have the opportunity to see the Hakka people who live along the coast. The major scenic spots in the eastern suburbs include Fairy Lake, Dongfang Shenqu Recreation Centre, Douhuacun Restaurant, the Greater and Lesser Meisha beaches, Xichong Holiday Country, Nan'ao, Dapeng Ancient Fortress, the Dawan Ancestral Residence and others.

"Bei Ge", originally a festive programme seen only during the Lunar New Year in villages in northern China, is performed every day at China Culture Folk Villages.

Tourists who visit Food Street in China Folk Culture Villages in the evening can enjoy their meal while watching performances on stage.

Dai people from Xishuangbanna in Yunnan Province perform the "peacock dance".

◄ *At the Dong house, where the Dong minority from Guangxi reside, visitors can learn about the unique life style of this ethnic group.*

The bright lights of the musical fountain stand out gloriously against the evening sky.

At Splendid China, this miniature version of the Shanhaiguan Pass at the Great Wall looks magnificent from this vantage point.

▲ *Though the grottoes in Dunhuang look like the real thing, the desert and the Silk Road are missing.*

◀ *Dressed up in their most extravagant festival costumes, women of the Miao minority from Guizhou welcome guests to China Folk Culture Villages by playing a tune on their lusheng (reed pipes).*

Western Suburbs

China Folk Culture Villages China Folk Culture Villages covers a total area of 24 hectares and is located on the rim of Shenzhen Bay. Its "inhabitants" have come from over 20 different ethnic minorities, but here their villages and houses, which are in reality miles apart, are within just a few minutes' walk from each other. Each minority group has its own particular customs and life style, for example the Uygur tribesmen love to play an instrument called the *dongbula*, while wrestling is the Mongolians' favourite pastime.

The most stunning performance, however, is a sacred ritual which includes climbing barefoot up a ladder of blades, performed by the high priests of the Dong tribe. Any visitors who doubt the genuineness of the performance are invited to go up and inspect the blades personally.

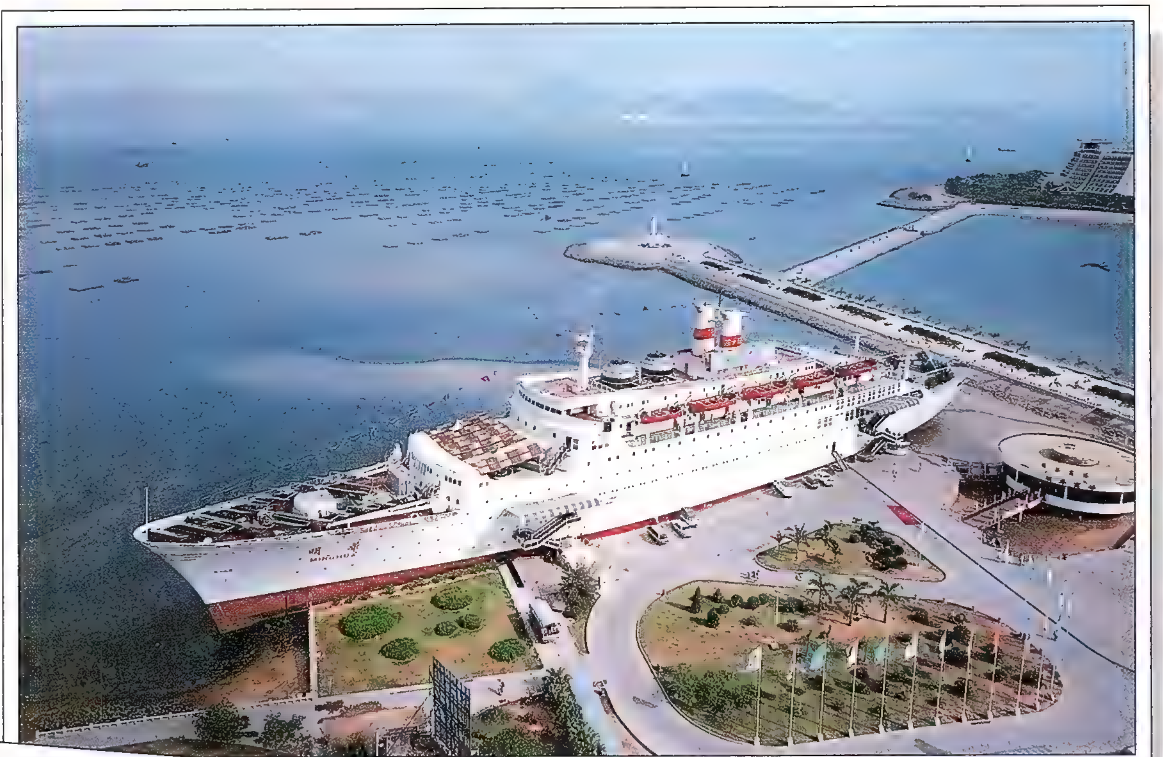
In the villages, visitors can also try the many different minority cuisines available, including tea made by the Dong people and wine brewed by the Miao minority.

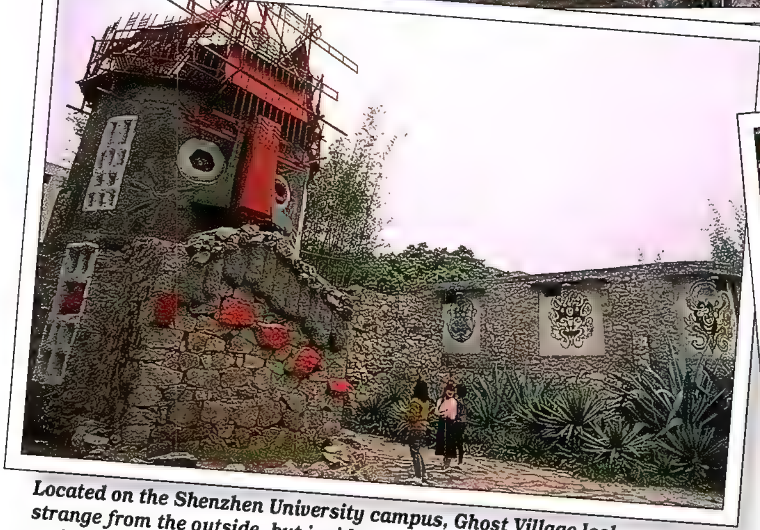
From 7-8:00 p.m., a grand parade takes place, led by a troop of Shanxi drummers, which is then followed by floats, each decked out according to the artistic traditions of the different ethnic groups. Then come acrobats on stilts and a spectacle called "Bei Ge", where one or two young children dressed in colourful costumes are held up by hidden iron frames tied to the shoulders of an adult, so that it looks as if they are both balancing on his shoulders.

The musical fountain turns on at 9:00 p.m., when people can see streams of water shooting into the air in time to music. Visitors will also be treated to a laser spectacle, in which colourful laser beams radiate from the forehead and palms of the Thousand-Armed Goddess of Mercy.

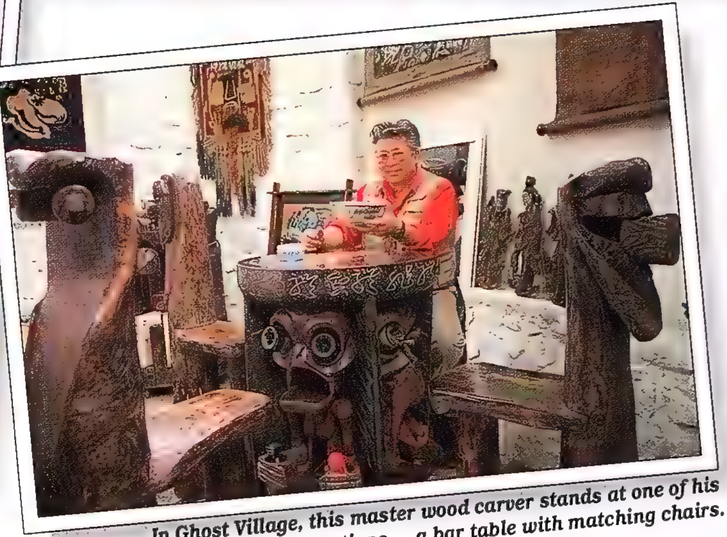
Splendid China Located next to China Folk Culture Villages is Splendid China, which at present has the world's largest display of miniature landmarks. These include some of China's most famous historical monuments, tourist attractions and scenic spots, such as the Great Wall, the terracotta figures of the Qin Shihuang Mausoleum in Shaanxi, the Forbidden City in Beijing, the Big Buddha of Leshan in Sichuan, the Mogao Grottoes at Dunhuang, the Potala Palace in Lhasa, the Stone Forest in Kunming, Huangshan Mountain in Anhui, the Three Gorges of the Yangtse River and many, many others. Visitors can travel all over China and get a good idea of all there is to see in this vast country, all within one day!

Window on the World The Window on the World in Shenzhen Bay is still under construction, but when it opens at Christmas time this year, it will offer a reproduction of some of the world's most famous landmarks, *The Ming Hua, a retired French ocean liner anchored in Skekou, was converted into a maritime entertainment centre.*





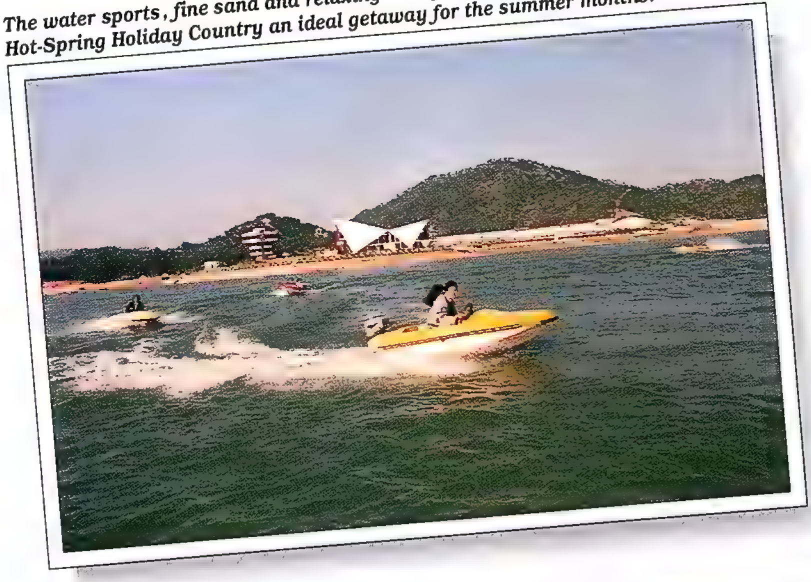
Located on the Shenzhen University campus, Ghost Village looks strange from the outside, but inside has a wide variety of minority arts and crafts on view.



In Ghost Village, this master wood carver stands at one of his creations — a bar table with matching chairs.

The Shenzhen Golf Club, in a classic and elegant setting, has all the facilities of a modern resort.

The water sports, fine sand and relaxing hot springs make Shiyan Lake Hot-Spring Holiday Country an ideal getaway for the summer months.



▲ The tomb of the last emperor of the Song Dynasty, who about 700 years ago fled here while under Mongolian attack, is located in the mountains of Chiwan.

What used to be a military guardpost in Chiwan now bears the statue of national hero Lin Zexu.

Located near Honey Lake, the Shenzhen Golf Club was designed by a world-famous golfer and boasts the largest golf course in China. In the not too distant future, there will be a total of seven golf courses in Shenzhen.

historical sights and architecture. Similar in conception to Spendid China, here one will be able to "see the world within a day".

Sea World The vessel that houses Sea World was originally a French ocean liner named the *Ming Hua*. Retired in 1983, it was then converted into a maritime entertainment centre. It has nine floors with a total of 120 suites and luxuriously decorated restaurants serving both Chinese and French dishes. There is also a British-style pub, a dance hall, a shopping arcade and the China Folk Culture Exhibition Centre, which shows the cultural heritage of different Chinese ethnic groups.

Standing on the deck of the vessel, one has a bird's-eye view of the entire Shekou Bay. Those who want to have a feel of what it is like to manoeuvre a huge ocean liner can go into the navigation room, put on the captain's uniform and "take over" the steering wheel.

Golf Courses Currently, Shenzhen has two golf courses – the Shenzhen Golf Club and the Bao Ri Golf Tourist Limited Company – and, in the not too distant future, several more international-standard golf courses will open.

The Shenzhen Golf Club is located on the southern side of Honey Lake, and was designed by world-renowned golf player Isao Aoki. It has an international-standard golf course with 18 holes, tennis courts, swimming pools, a hotel and carefully laid-out landscaping. China's first international golf tournament was held at this club.

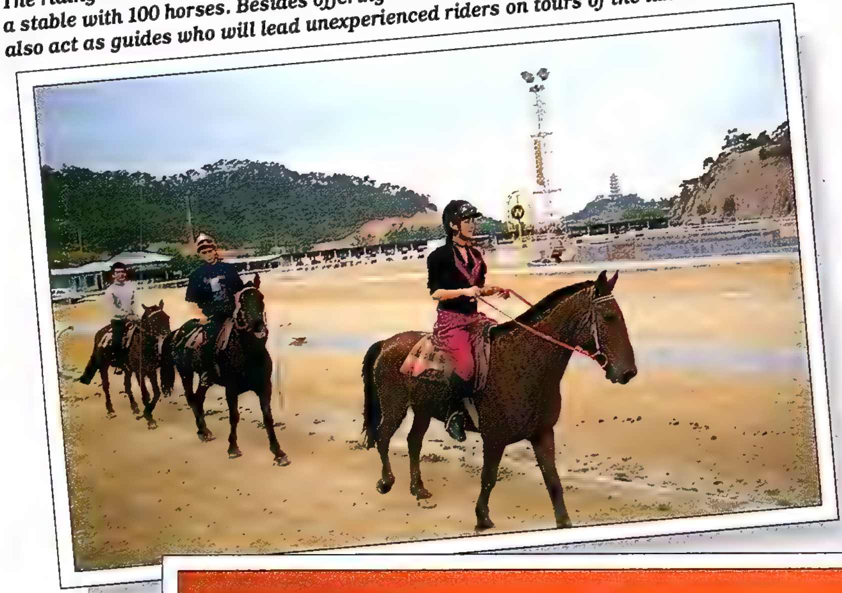
The Bao Ri Golf Tourist Limited Company in Bao'an District has an 18-hole world-class golf course with picturesque mountain ranges and rivers as backdrop.

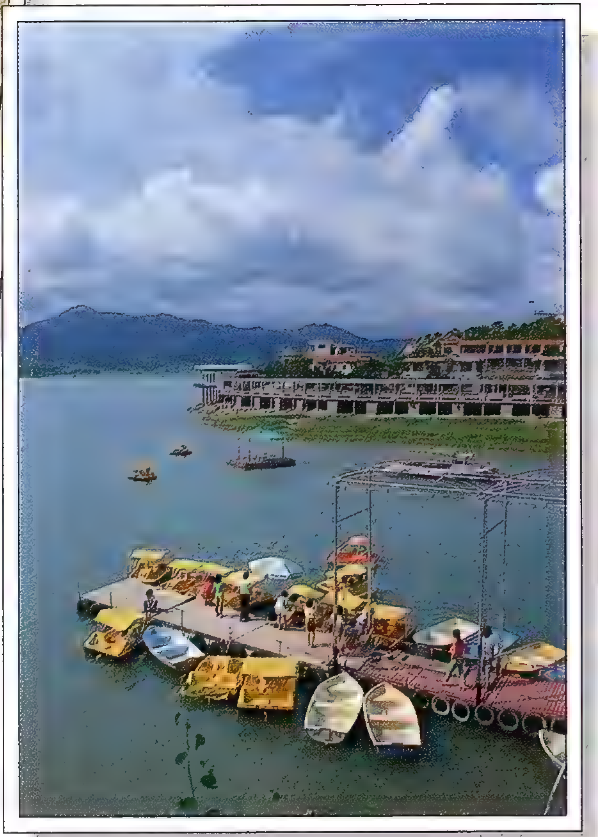
Shiyan Lake Hot-Spring Holiday Country This hot-spring holiday resort is located in the northwestern part of Shenzhen, and has earned its reputation as a top resort due to its wonderful hot springs. Some of the minerals naturally found in the spring water, including iodine, boron, lithium and sulphates, are said to possess therapeutic value in treating diseases such as arthritis, neurological pains and various skin ailments. The holiday resort has 400 rooms in 13 Spanish-style low-rise buildings aligned together like train compartments. On the "Lovers' Island" in the middle of the lake, there is a song-and-dance hall and different maritime rides and facilities for the more active and fun-loving visitors.

The Tomb of Emperor Bingdi Unlike ordinary tombs, the Tomb of Emperor Bingdi, the last emperor of the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279) at Chiwan in Shekou, houses only his clothes and belongings — not his body. Under attack by Mongol armies, he fled here with a large contingent in 1279, but died soon after. His body was later brought back

◀ *Located in the secluded countryside, Xili Lake Holiday Resort is a showcase of magnificently landscaped gardens. Guests can tour the lake by strolling under this beautiful 1,280-metre-long walkway.*

The riding school at Xili Lake has a small-scale horse-racing course and a stable with 100 horses. Besides offering lessons in horse-riding, the trainers also act as guides who will lead unexperienced riders on tours of the lake.

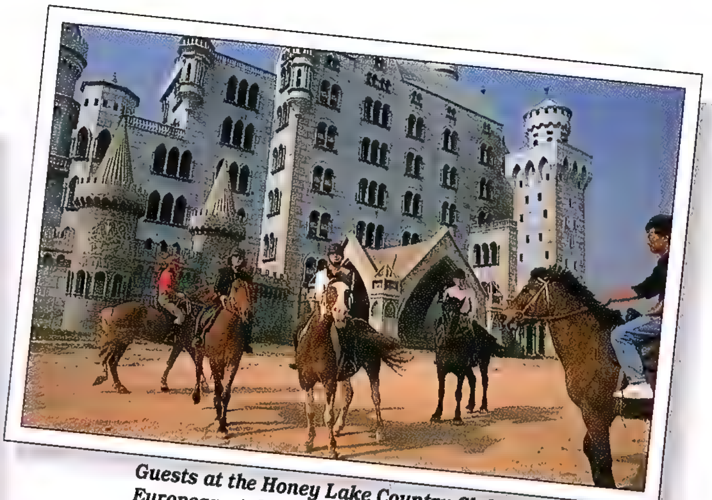




Far away from the bustling city, at Xili Lake Holiday Resort one can cruise the lake by boat, climb mountains or just relax.

At the Futian Mangrove Reserve, one can see lush mangroves extending dozens of kilometres. The reserve is home to hundreds of different species of rare birds, many declared endangered by the government.

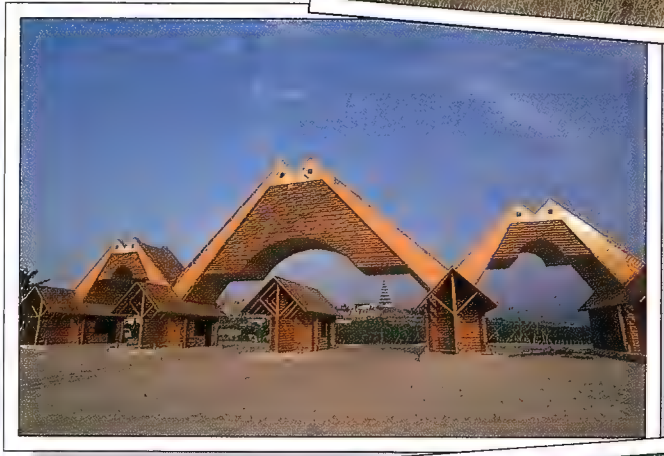
At Honey Lake's amusement park, visitors can try out various exciting rides, including car-racing, motorboat driving and riding the roller coaster.



Guests at the Honey Lake Country Club can visit this old European-style castle on horseback.

▲The elephants in the open zoo are giving themselves a "sand bath".

The main entrance to the open zoo at Xili Lake has a unique design.



The Silver Lake Tourist Centre is another great place for both rest and recreation.

to his hometown for burial, while the emperor's clothes and belongings remained in the tomb in Shenzhen.

Xili Lake Holiday Resort This holiday resort is located on the slopes of Qilin Mountain in the northern suburbs of Shenzhen, and blends in nicely with the natural surroundings. The long corridor surrounding the lake is ideal for admiring the scenic lake at close range.

There is also a horse-riding training centre at the resort with over 100 horses. Members or visitors can ride on horseback around the edge of the forest or the lake.

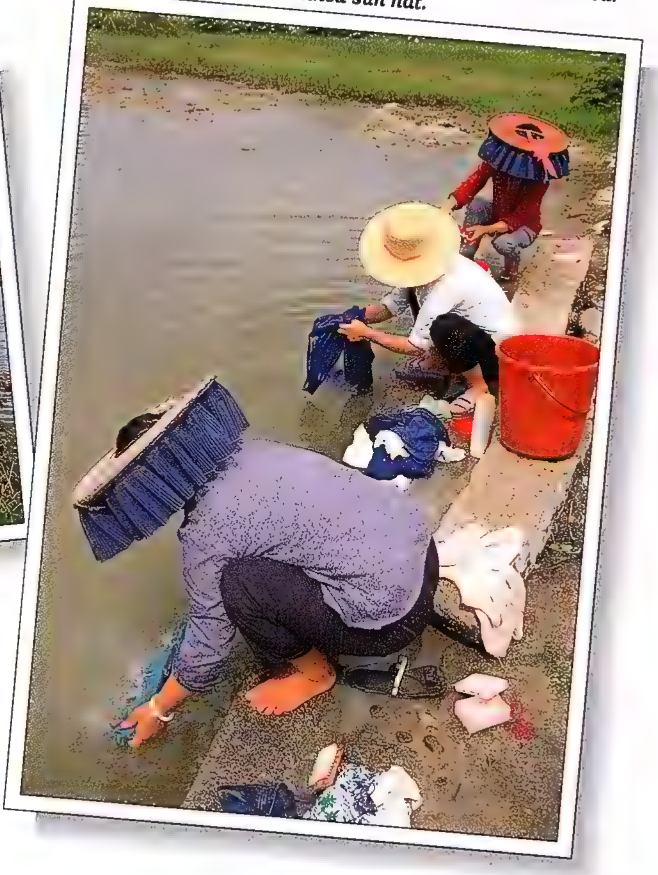
Another tourist attraction recently added within the resort area is an open-style zoo, in which wildlife including lions, tigers, monkeys and elephants can stroll freely within the zoo's boundaries. Visitors can see the animals at close range in the safety of a tour bus.

Honey Lake Country Club This is one of the more sizeable resorts in Shenzhen. It is comprised of seven independent country-style hotel blocks, for guests who wish to relax and feel the tranquillity of the countryside. Guests who like excitement will not be disappointed either, as they can try out the more than 70 rides at the Disneyland-style fun park.

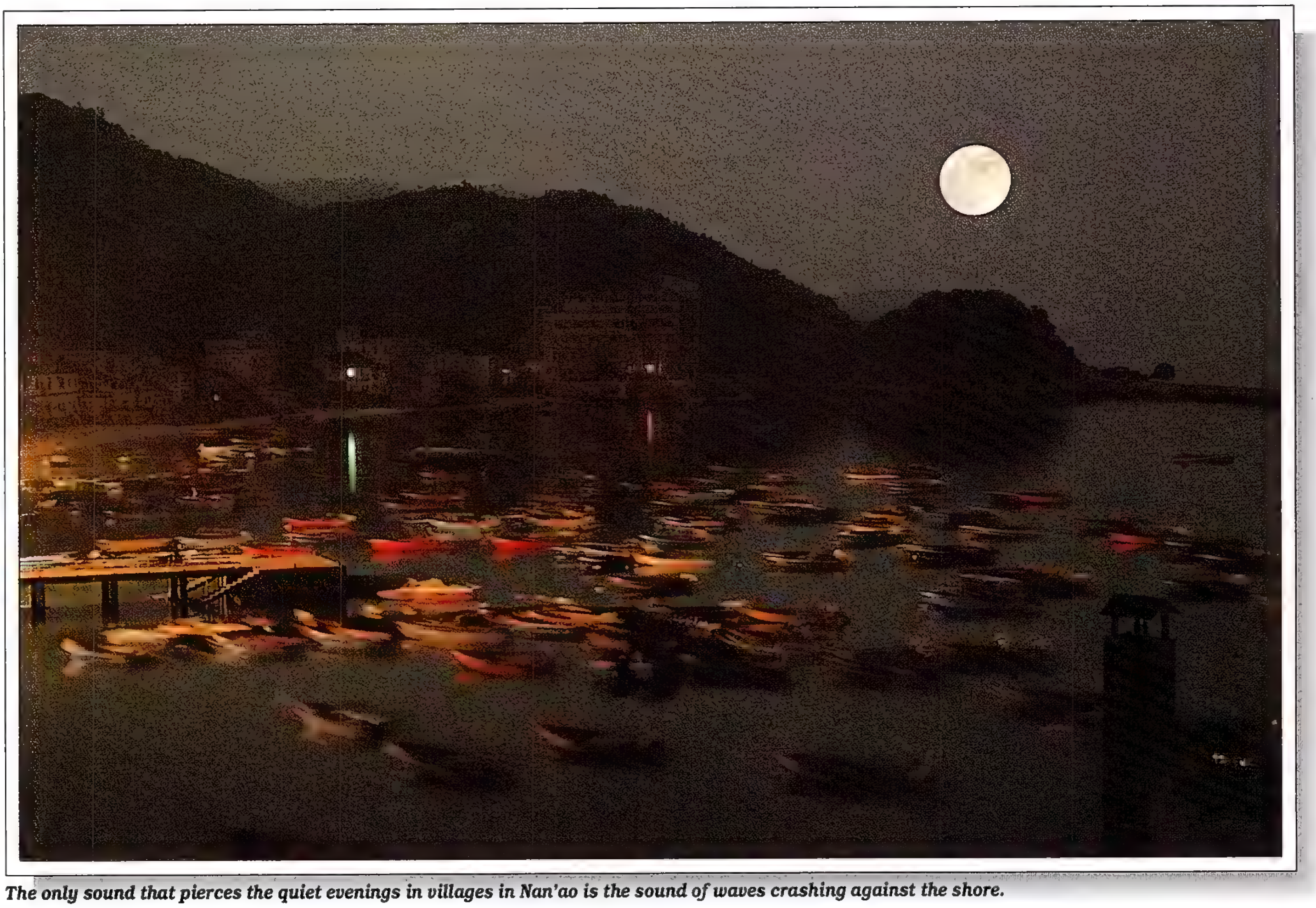
Silver Lake Tourist Centre The Silver Lake Tourist Centre sits in the valley below Bijia Mountain in the northern part of Shenzhen. It was built amidst a forest of evergreen trees, and the hotel buildings, pavilions, towers and terraces are all located along the shore overlooking the lake. The layout of the shrubbery and buildings at the resort reflects the gardening techniques of Suzhou and Hangzhou, making it an ideal place for a relaxing holiday as well as for holding more serious conferences.

The Futian Mangrove Reserve At this reserve, a mangrove forest covers a vast swampy area, which in turn is the nesting place of more than 200 species of birds. The reserve is filled with even more life in the spring and autumn, when migrating birds pass through.

The Hakka women living on Dapeng Peninsula like to wear this special kind of curtained sun hat.



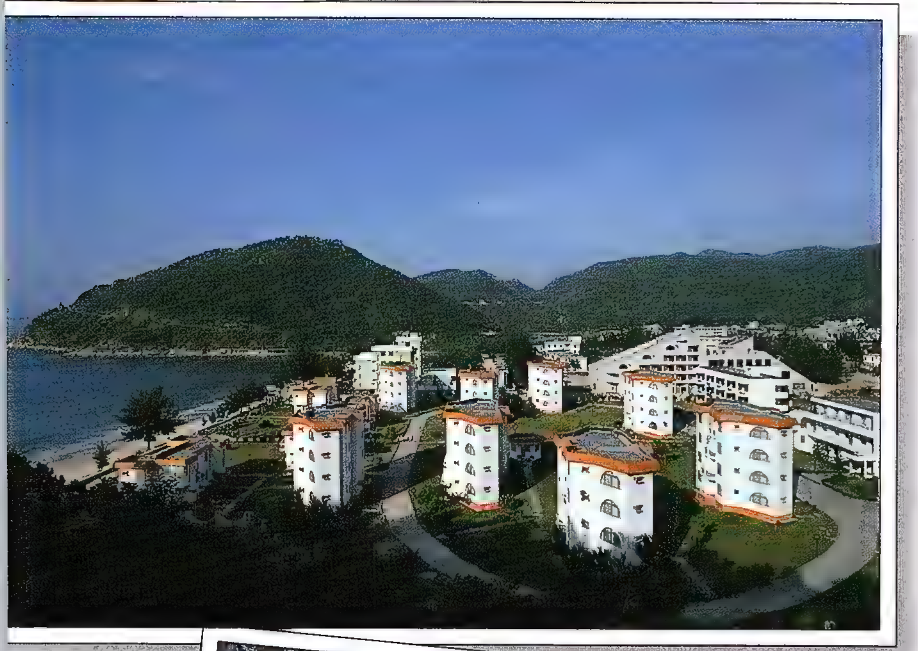
Just outside Pingshan is an ancient Hakka compound called the Dawan Ancestral Residence, where people can observe the traditional ways of the Hakka people.



The only sound that pierces the quiet evenings in villages in Nan'ao is the sound of waves crashing against the shore.

Tourists come to Lesser Meisha because of its white sandy beaches and clear blue water.

The Lesser Meisha Beach was one of the first beaches promoted in Shenzhen as a tourist destination for swimming and other maritime sports.



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Most of the old buildings inside the Dapeng Ancient Fortress are empty, as many residents have moved into new houses built outside the fortress.

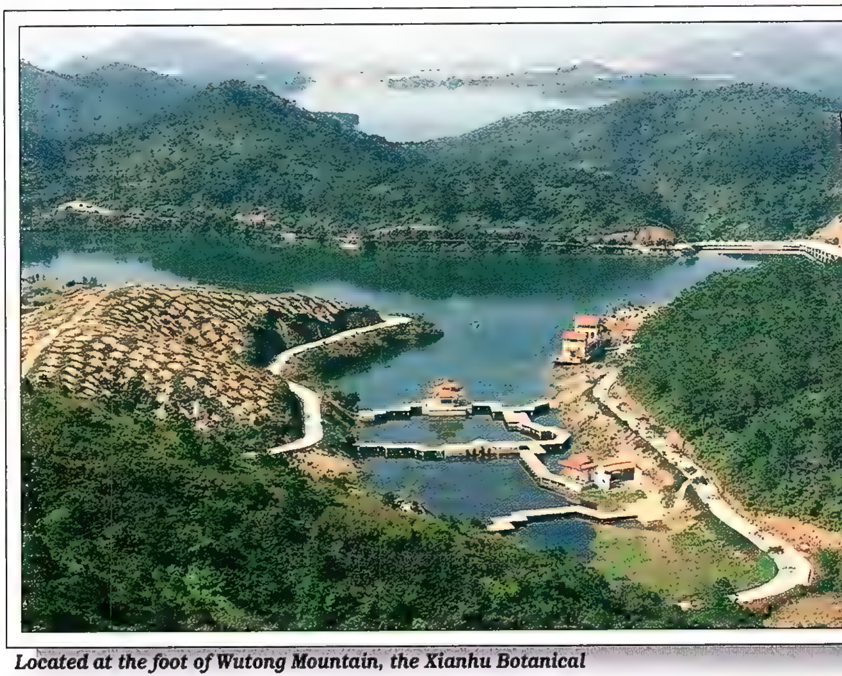
Eastern Suburbs

Lesser Meisha Beach The long beach at Lesser Meisha is the most popular destination for tourists during summertime. The beach, surrounded on three sides by magnificent mountains, overlooks water so clear that it reflects and blends in with the colour of the blue sky. Tourists can lie on the thousand-metre-long beach or take a dip in the cool and soothing water. The more adventurous can try motorboat rides or windsurfing before retiring in the evening to the three-star hotel at the resort.

Nan'ao If you like seafood then Nan'ao is the place to be. Visitors to Nan'ao can try dishes prepared with premium seafood including abalone, sea urchin and sturgeon. Walking down the streets of Nan'ao, one can also smell the tang of fish sunning in the open air, as it is common for residents to preserve their excess catch to sell later. Visitors may also tour the neighbouring islands by speedboat to experience the quiet life of a small fishing village.

Dapeng Ancient Fortress This fortress, located close to the Daya Bay Nuclear Power Plant, was an important military base in Bao-an County during the Ming and Qing periods (1368-1911). However, battered by wind and rain over the years, all that remain now are the stone walls supporting and shaping three of the entrances to the fortress.

The Hakka Village at Pingshan The Dawan Ancestral Residence at Pingshan is a typical example of Hakka architecture. The walled residence was constructed to look like a cube, with a fish pond shaped like a half moon in front of its main entrance. The entire compound has over 100 quarters, separated by courtyards and linked by alleys and corridors laid out like a maze.



Located at the foot of Wutong Mountain, the Xianhu Botanical Garden is situated amongst rolling hills and clear lakes.

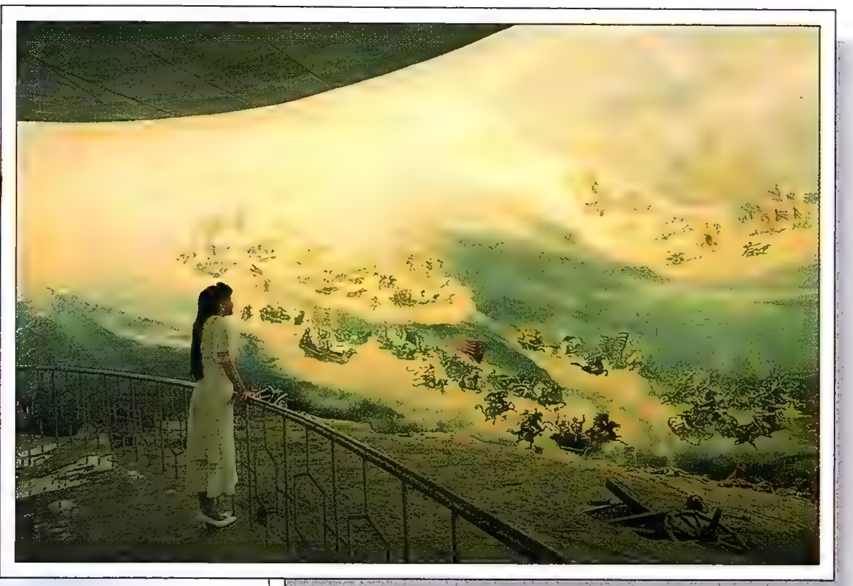
The Xianhu Botanical Garden features a vast collection of rare species of plants.

The newly completed Hongfa Temple at Xianhu Lake is run by Master Ben Huan, and attracts many religious followers.

At the Douhuacun Restaurant, one can meet China's "top tea server", who can hold 15 to 20 tea cups in his hands at one time, lids included.

At the Douhuacun Restaurant, customers can sample snacks from all over China in a comfortable and spacious atmosphere.

Tourists visiting the Dongfang Shenqu Recreation Centre can see both dog and cock fights every Sunday.



This 141-metre mural at the Dongfang Shenqu Recreation Centre depicts the spectacular scene created by the Monkey King when he paid an unexpected visit to heaven.

The Dongfang Shenqu Recreation Centre is a showcase of artwork related to Chinese myths, legends and beliefs. One can visit heaven as well as hell here, plus the Water Curtain Cave, "home" of the legendary Monkey King.

East Lake is also known as the Shenzhen Reservoir, and contributes to Hong Kong's water supply. Along its shores is East Lake Park, where many residents come to rest and relax.

Xianhu (Fairy Lake) Botanical Garden Xianhu Lake, on the western slopes of Wutong Mountain in the northeastern part of Shenzhen, extends over an area of 588 hectares. It was the legendary home of three fairies, who were so intrigued by the scenic landscape and secluded environment that they decided to stay. To commemorate them, a temple was built at the foot of Wutong Mountain. The temple was later renovated and renamed Hongfa Temple (the temple for spreading Buddhist teachings). Inside the Fairy Lake Botanical Garden, one can see over 400 different types of plants, of which a significant number are rare species on the country's conservation list.

Dongfang Shenqu Recreation Centre Situated next to East Lake Park, this centre is a showcase of arts reflecting the religious attitudes of the Chinese people towards supernatural beings. The centre includes many displays from Chinese mythology, a panoramic wall painting, dog and cock fights and actors dressed up as characters from stories such as *Journey to the West*. Also, at the Lingshan Temple nearby one can see over 500 statues of Buddhas, all in different postures.

Douhuacun Restaurant Next to Dongfang Shenqu Recreation Centre is the Douhuacun Restaurant, which has many separate dining halls built entirely of bamboo. The restaurant serves mainly Sichuan cuisine, but also has over 100 kinds of snacks popular in different parts of the country. Most of the waiters and waitresses are graduates of Sichuan drama repertory schools and many of them also perform on stage in the evening to entertain the diners.

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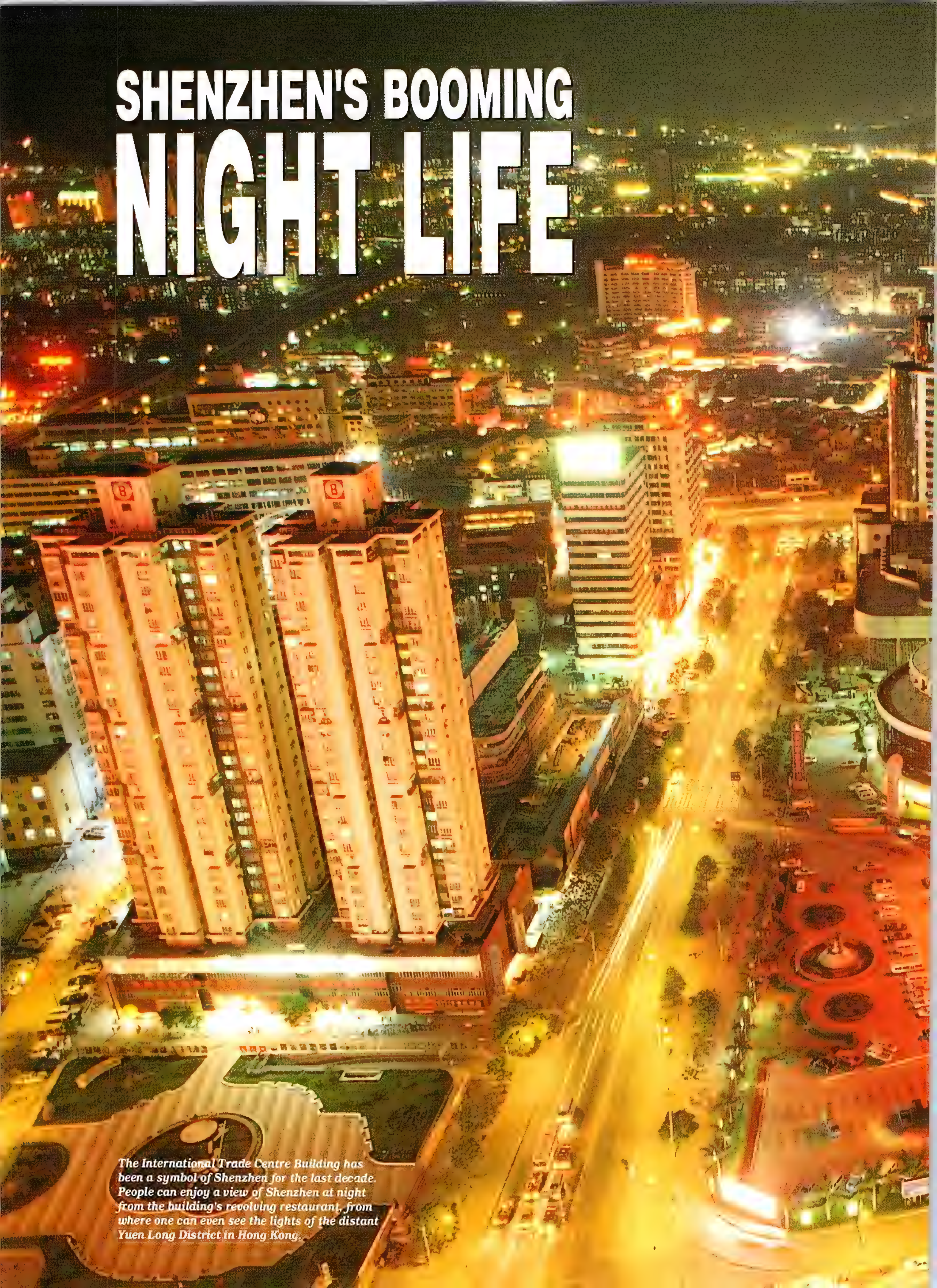
SHENZHEN'S BOOMING NIGHT LIFE



The International Trade Centre Building has been a symbol of Shenzhen for the last decade. People can enjoy a view of Shenzhen at night from the building's revolving restaurant, from where one can even see the lights of the distant Yuen Long District in Hong Kong.

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These days a great many people from Hor Kong are flocking to Shenzhen to sper their weekends. In fact, a visitor arriving Shenzhen on a Friday night without a hot reservation might be hard put to find accor modations. What is it about Shenzhen th attracts people to come here from a live cosmopolitan city like Hong Kong? One of t most important reasons surely has to be t city's exciting and rapidly-growing night li which has turned Shenzhen into a city that nev sleeps.

All-Night Song-and-Dance Halls

In the past, one could hardly use terms su as exciting to describe the night life of t Special Economic Zone, but ever since the b was lifted on all-night song-and-dance halls, that has changed. Something quite unheard before, people can now dance the entire nig away in one of these venues.

Chinese people here like to say, "You have really been to Shenzhen unless you have been Shatoujiao (a street that borders on Hong Kor and the song-and-dance halls." The dazzli neon lights, the endless streams of people, a the intoxicating atmosphere of these song-ar dance halls add much lustre to Shenzhen's nig life.

The first song-and-dance hall appeared 1981, run by the Xili Lake Holiday Resort. O the last 12 years, the song-and-dance halls ha increased to 346 in number, attracting a to average of 50,000 customers a night.

Shenzhen's song-and-dance halls are usu very large and beautifully decorated. Of them the Dragon Palace Night Club at the Honey La Country Club is the largest. Opened in 1984, magnificent hall has a seating capacity of 1,0 people, as does the Star River Song and Dar Hall at Shenzhen Paradise. In order to attr customers, each of these halls is luxuriously fit out and individually designed.

Some are in the style of theatres, like the Theatre Night Club, some are three-dimensior such as the Crystal Palace Song and Dance H some are like palaces, like the China Reg Singing and Dance Hall, and still others are the Yunnan style, such as the National Pal Song and Dance Hall. All the halls are equipp with imported lighting and sound facilities a extension stages. It is hardly any wonder t customers enjoy themselves so much that t sometimes forget to go home.

The main reasons Shenzhen's song-and-ance halls have such a good reputation are heir first-rate service and wide variety of rec-ational activities. The warm welcome of the niling hostesses at the entrance of the song-nd-dance halls and the hospitality of the aitresses soon make one feel at home. How-er it is the performances themselves that at-act most people, as there is something for eryone.

If you like listening to the songs of singers om Hong Kong, for example, try the Dragon lace Night Club in the Honey Lake Country ub, the Lee Theatre Night Club, the Royal arden Night Club, or the Asia Palace Res-urant and Club. People who enjoy pop music n try the Crystal Palace Song and Dance Hall. you prefer to see performances by minority tionalities, go to the Sha Du Singing and ance Hall or the National Palace Song and ance Hall. Each of these halls has their own rforming troupe of nearly 30 people, with the ogramme for each evening having its own dis-ct theme and style.

The song-and-dance halls are also, of course, aces where one can go to dance. The Sha Du nging and Dance Hall, for example, is as big as basketball court. Dancing in such large hall to ft music is indeed a rare pleasure.

Performers from All Over the World

In recent years many foreign performers have peared on Shenzhen stages, including some the best singers and dancers from Thailand, e Philippines, Malaysia, the United States, itain and Singapore. But the most famous of is the Little White Birch Dance Troupe from ssia, who are now performing on a long-term sis at the Sunshine Night Club. This dance

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wadays, people in Shenzhen enjoy going to cos and night clubs (1 & 2).

shion shows are often held at the Mikado ht Club in the Continental Hotel (3).

e Russian Little White Birch Dance Troupe at Sunshine Night Club performs Russian as ll as modern Chinese dances. They are quite it in Shenzhen (4).

en Li Ming, a rock-and-roll star from rtheast China, has given performances in enzhen (5).

stomers can dance or just enjoy the romantic nosphere of the Crystal Palace Song and nce Hall (6).

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troupe also enjoys popularity in its own countr
and many of its members are renowned artis
who have won awards both at home and abroa
Although the admission price is as much as 30
yuan or more a ticket, performances are alwa
packed out, one of the great successes amor
Shenzhen's song-and-dance halls.

In addition, over 1,000 artists from all parts
China, some quite famous, work in Shenzher
dance halls. Hu Wenge, for example, is knov
as being the first pop-song singer in China
take on women's roles, and his beautiful voi
has won him many fans. In fact, he holds
record for giving 40 one-man performanc
in succession in Shenzhen's song-and-dan
halls. One recent performance called "Buryi
Flowers" beautifully expressed the mournful inr
world of Lin Daiyu, the heroine of the classi
novel *A Dream of Red Mansions*, and has be
warmly acclaimed. Another star singer, Li Mir
is known as China's rock-and-roll king, and h
taken Shenzhen audiences by storm. Gong Pi
is a female singer, famed in Shenzhen for playi
male roles, while Liu Gaokun, a dwarf only o
metre tall, is a singing star with a sonorous a
moving voice.

Open-Air Karaoke

In recent years karaoke has become all t
rage in Shenzhen, and most of the song-ar
dance halls have begun to provide a karac
service. The karaoke halls are very luxurio
with high-quality sound and visual equipme
computers for choosing songs, external te
phones and private ballrooms and bathroor
where people can go with their friends a
lovers to sing to their heart's content.

Due to the high entrance fees of the sor
and-dance halls, most are patronized by t
more affluent people of Shenzhen. But for tho
who do not want to spend hundreds of yu
there is an open-air karaoke club called the
Coral Stage. Set up every night in an op
square on Hongling Road Central, one ne
pay only a two-yuan entrance fee to watch ka
oke performances. If you want to sing, only
additional five yuan is required to go
stage. Sometimes professional song-and-dar
troupes are invited to give performances as we

Eating Out Another Favourite Pastime

The all-night hours that Shenzhen's so
and-dance halls keep have caused the devel
ment of other night-time activities. Departm

tores, restaurants and snack bars have followed he example of the recreational halls and exended their business hours. Street lamps and eon lights are on all night. If they wish, visitors an go to the revolving restaurants on top of the ternational Trade Centre Building and the hangri-La Hotel to enjoy a view of Shenzhen at ight.

Shenzhen's commercial district is centred round the International Trade Centre Building. f Shenzhen's 2.4 million people, about 1.6 illion are temporary residents from other parts f the country. They have no homes, so they ave to find places to while away the long nights. ome young people play billiards in billiard halls, ne of the newest fashions in Shenzhen. But for he majority, apart from the song-and-dance alls, the night markets, shops, restaurants and ars are the places they frequent most.

The night markets are held in the square in ont of the South China Film & Entertainment entre in Jiabin Road, where pedlars set up alls, light lamps and sell cheap clothes and ther goods. People go to the markets not only buy things but just to wander the streets with ends. Other people enjoy eating out in henzhen's many restaurants and snack bars, as ning out in the evening has also become very opular. In Shenzhen not only do the big staurants in luxury hotels provide famous shes, but small restaurants as well, such as ose at the Shangbu Food Street and Nantang ood Street, are known for their hot-pots and exllent seafood. Thus, there is much to do at ght in Shenzhen, whatever your pleasure.

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he song-and-dance halls are too expensive for me workers, who prefer the open-air De Coral raoke stage (1).

the evening, the Douhuacun Restaurant tendants change into theatrical costumes and rform Sichuan opera for the diners (2).

nother popular place to relax is the Lao She ahouse, named after the famous Chinese riter. Here, people can sip tea while watching rious types of performances (3).

lliards have become quite a craze in enzhen (4).

he coffee room in the basement of the ternational Trade Centre Building is a pular place for young people to meet (5).

he all-night food streets in Shenzhen are med Nantang, Shangbu and Futian (6).

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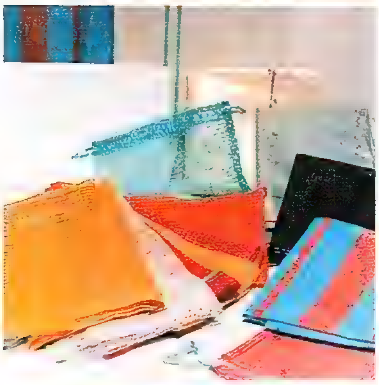

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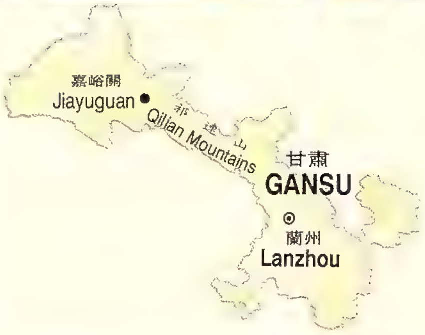
Flying low over Jiayuguan Fort in light aircraft, one can appreciate the impressive scale of the fort.

Inset: *Mr. Huang Shunian, the founder of the International Gliding Base in the city of Jiayuguan*

Soaring and Gliding Over Jiayuguan Pass

PHOTOS BY WANG JIN
TEXT BY YU QIAN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These children are apparently thrilled by the excellent gliding demonstration. Surely, they themselves would also like to go up in a glider too.

The International Gliding Base in the city of Jiayuguan is located at the civil aviation airport northeast of the city.

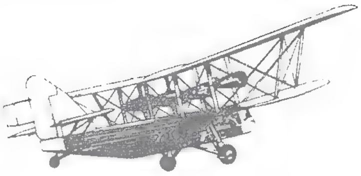
A light aeroplane at the base

I am a soaring and gliding enthusiast, but for a long time, I had to travel to Australia, the United States or Canada to enjoy the sport as neither Hong Kong nor Southeast Asia boasts a suitable place for motorless flying. I no longer have to undertake such long trips now, because many spots with suitable conditions have been turned into recreational areas for gliding on the Chinese mainland in the last few years. The most outstanding among these places is historic Jiayuguan Pass, the western end of the Great Wall in northwestern Gansu Province and once a military post of considerable strategic importance. The International Gliding Base is located in the airport for civil aviation 15 kilometres northeast of the city.

When one thinks of Jiayuguan Pass, what comes to mind immediately is the impressive scale of the fort guarding the vast wasteland, which was completed in 1372, and the tombs with murals dating from the Wei (220-265) and Jin (265-420) eras. The obvious question, therefore, is how come such a desolate place has become such an ideal site for gliding?

Back in the early 1980s, information sent back by satellite revealed that the air currents above areas along the Hexi Corridor in Gansu Province in northwestern China were most suitable for soaring and gliding. Situated south of the vast Gobi Desert, Jiayuguan Pass benefits from a long duration of sunshine, a wide range of temperature and strong updrafts — all excellent conditions for gliders to make sustained flights. And the visibility at the pass is excellent. So by 1988, Jiayuguan Pass has already been known as a "paradise in the air" where not only tourists and gliding enthusiasts from all corners of the world can display their skill in the sport, but can also indulge their fantasy of flying over the Great Wall and the Jiayuguan Fort.

The Jiayuguan airport itself is not large. At the parking area of the gliding base in it are some light biplanes and gliders with long and narrow fuselages and enormous wingspans. Also in the airport is an aviation club. The facilities of its guesthouse and dining hall are good. Visitors can put up there as the club is open to the public.

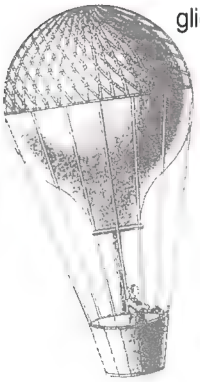


Members of the Taiwan Bingsheng Hang Gliders Team carrying out a flying exercise over the Qilian Mountains

In the possession of the club are four or five high-grade gliders either made in China or in other countries. Painted in white, each weighs only several hundred pounds. A small towplane is needed to pull any of them into the air. The towplane and the gliders make the ascent together to a certain altitude before they are disconnected. The glider then is in free flight. The lighter its fuselage and the longer its wings, the greater the length of time it will remain aloft.

The weather is fine almost every day at Jiayuguan Pass and seldom does a glider encounter strong air currents here. That explains why it was possible for several aviators to break the national record for speed-gliding at the pass a few years ago. They were listed among the top gliders in the world.

Today, people coming to Jiayuguan Pass to glide include not only enthusiasts from across the Chinese mainland, but also those from Taiwan and from as far away as Germany, France and Australia. Anyone can journey to the pass and glide to his or her heart's content so long as he or she makes arrangements beforehand.



Flying a glider requires the same level of skill as piloting an ordinary plane. Flying motorless, the sport sets high demands on a glider pilot, who has to judge accurately the direction and velocity of wind to keep the craft in good balance and to prevent it from descending too rapidly.

Other types of aircraft available for flying at the base include sporting planes, parachutes for gliding down mountain slopes, hot-air balloons, super-light planes and hang gliders. Among them, the balloons, the hang gliders and the gliding parachutes are the most popular.

Assisted by the club staff, we spent more than an hour above it all by riding in a huge silver hot-air balloon. The Great Wall, the Jiayuguan Pass, the Qilian Mountains, the desert and the distant passing trains all came into sight. For a moment, I seemed to be in a different plane of existence. I began to realize that one could better appreciate the beauty of the earth by travelling at a leisurely pace in a balloon than by speeding in an aeroplane.

Translated by Anne Yan

A German enthusiast of parachute gliding has come to Jiayuguan Pass to try out his skill.

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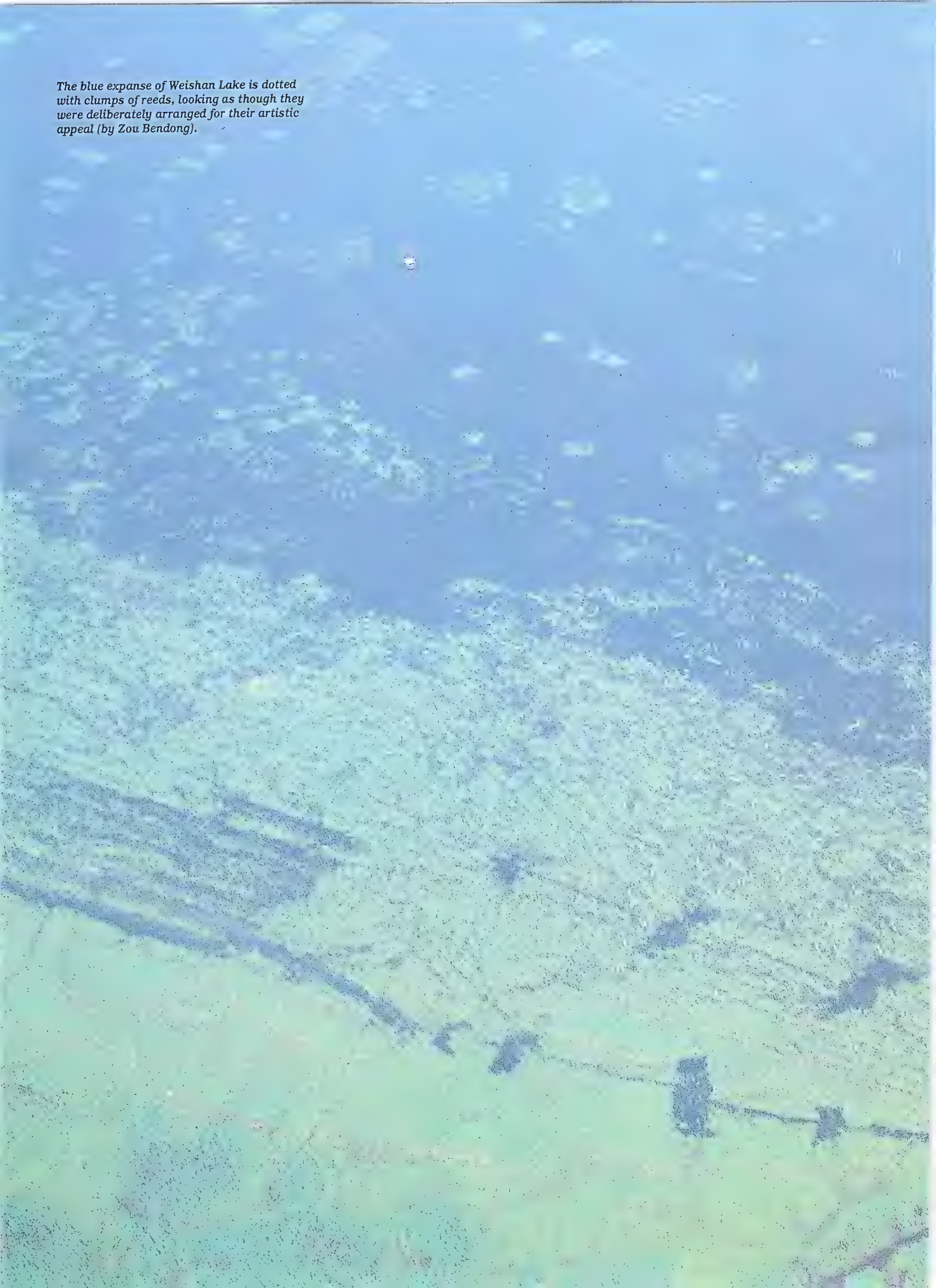
n aviation tourist group from France is ready to soar by hot-air balloon to get a bird's-eye view of the vast desert.



The blue expanse of Weishan Lake is dotted with clumps of reeds, looking as though they were deliberately arranged for their artistic appeal (by Zou Bendong).

The Leisurely Life of Boatmen on Weishan Lake

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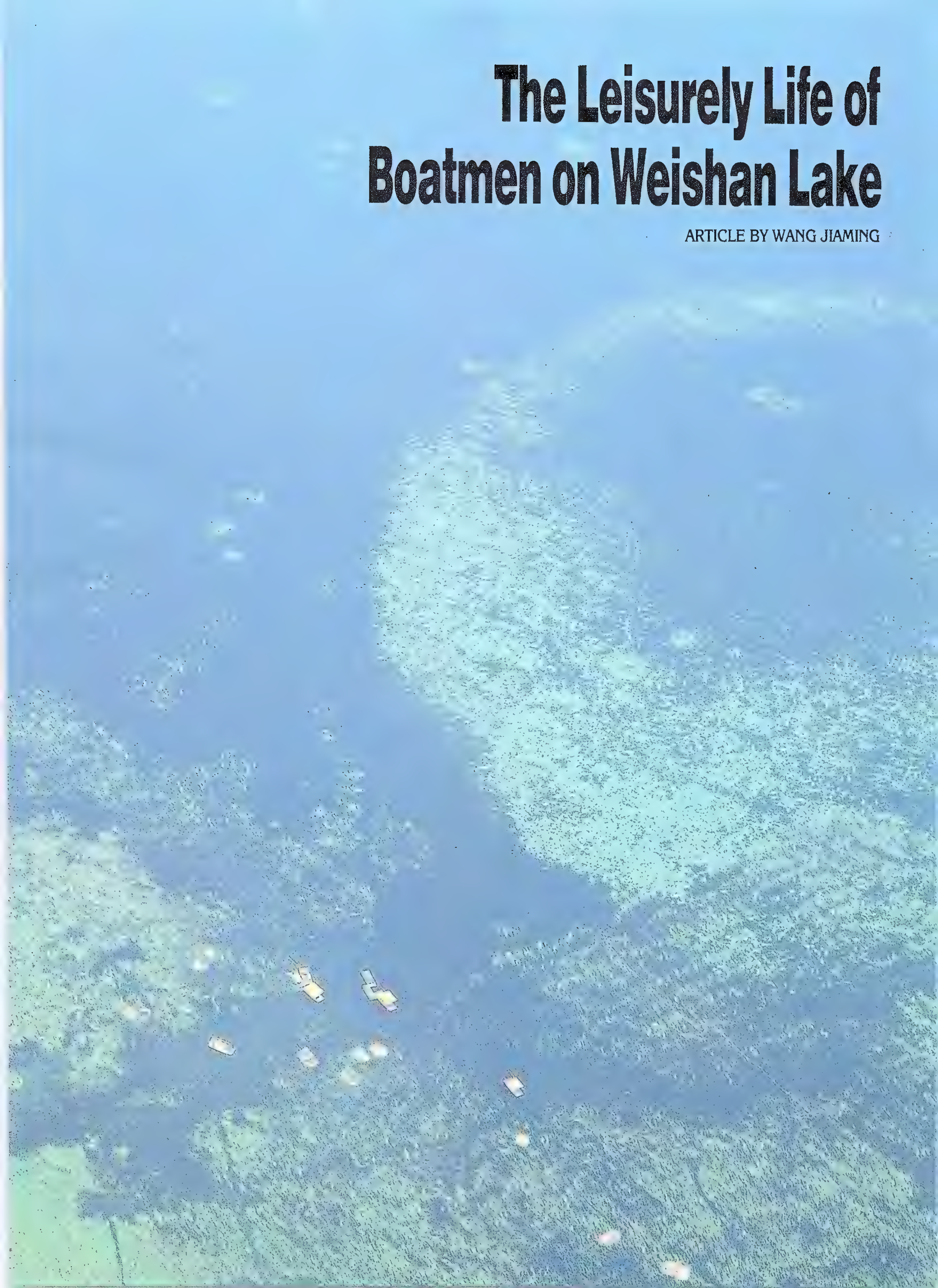


The history behind the formation of Weishan Lake is a long and interesting one. In ancient times, floods from the Yellow River would often merge with the Sihe River, choking the latter's flow southwards into the Huaihe River and causing the plains in southwestern Shandong to be inundated. By 132 B.C., four lakes called Zhaoyang, Dushan, Weishan and Nanyang had formed.

At the beginning of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), the flooding of the Grand Canal caused the four lakes to be contiguous, forming what is now simply called Weishan Lake, 126 kilometres long and 1,209 square kilometres in area. In the lake there are three islands, the largest of which is Weishan Island, where the tomb of Weizi is situated. Weizi, a man famed for his virtue who lived about 3,000 years ago, once offered his advice to King Zhou. The king refused to listen, which in those days meant a virtual destruction of one's reputation. Weizi therefore fled to this island where he lived in seclusion until his death. Thus, the island's and the lake's names include the word "Wei", in honour of Weizi.

Lakescapes in Summer and Autumn

Seen from the air, Weishan Lake looks like a huge dragon with its head in the south and its tail in the north, lying at the juncture of Shandong, Jiangsu and Anhui Provinces. A dozen rivers such as the Baima, the Sihe and the Wenhe seem to be the whiskers of the dragon, and the thickly clustered villages its scales. In summer, the lake is a boundless expanse of blue, dotted with sections of reeds. In mid-summer, the lake's surface is laden with flaming lotus flowers, which make summer sunsets even redder. In late autumn, countless lotus seed pods

White sails against the early morning sunlight set the scene for a new day's work to begin, breaking the stillness of Weishan Lake (by Zou Bendong).

Still young, children are tied to their houseboats to prevent them from falling into the lake. At the slightest noise they curiously poke their heads out of the windows (by Song Weidong).

Fishermen still have to work even on rainy days (by Lam Kin Fai).

stand tall and erect above withered leaves and broken stems. In winter, black water chestnuts can be found below the lotus seed pods. When the boatmen pick seed pods, they also scoop up baskets of water chestnuts to cook in their gruel at home.

Houseboats — Homes on the Water

The houseboats on the lake have several distinctive features. They are made of rivet-jointed wooden planks, whose swirling grain is revealed in places where the tung oil has come off. The cabin consists of two decks. The lower deck is divided into a bedroom at the back and a kitchen at the front. On the deck in front of the kitchen stand two drying racks covered with reeds. The kitchen is fully equipped with a *wok*, a charcoal brazier, foodstuffs and condiments used for cooking.

The bedroom, which makes up half of the boat's space, is furnished with a bed, desk, chairs, stools, a wardrobe and trunks. On either side of the room there is a window only half a metre above the water. Through the windows, you can clearly see the natural beauty of the ake.

Above the bedroom is a "reception room" with an awning so low that people can only sit down, not stand. Three walls of the room have windows, making it both spacious and bright, and the walls are usually decorated with couplets and New Year pictures. For larger families, the reception room serves as an additional bedroom at night by simply putting curtains up over the windows and door.

Children's Lives on the Boats

As entire families live on boats all year round, the risk of a child fallng into the water is quite high, therefore the boatmen tie children up to the age of four or five to the boat. When the children cry, their mothers threaten them with going ashore, which proves to be quite effective.

Children on the lake love to swim and will jump into the water at any opportunity (by Wang Xuefeng).

Endless stretches of lotus add colour to the beauty of the lake (by Hu Yanbin).

The sphere of activity for the boatmen's children is naturally limited to the boats. This restriction, however, is compensated for by simple pleasures, such as eating fish and shrimps in the spring, water chestnuts in the autumn, and enjoying the beauty of lotus plants in the summer. Grandparents also keep children company by telling them stories, or children play with their cats, a favourite pet among boatmen. Since the cats cannot leave the boat and are fed on plenty of fish, they are usually very fat, with some old cats actually larger than a baby!

What makes the children most happy, however, is to go out with the adults on a sampan. If they are not in a hurry, the adults will let the children pole the sampan, as this is a crucial skill for them to learn. When the children are five or six years old, they start practising poling a sampan, and when they are seven, they are allowed to take their own sampans to and from their "School on the Water".

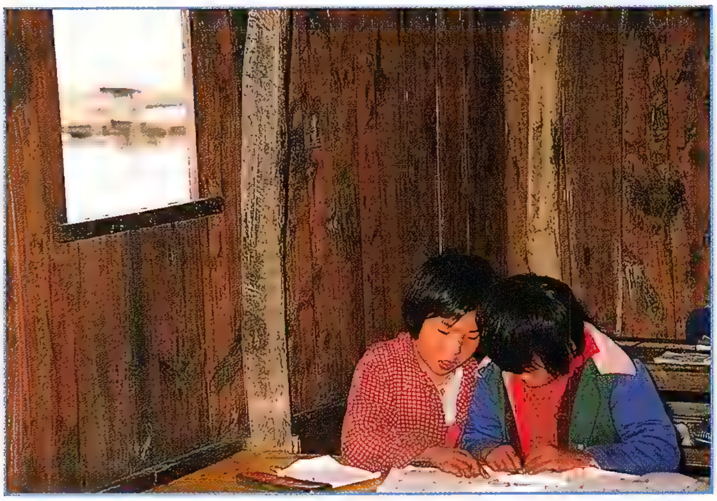
The "School on the Water", as its name suggests, takes place on a large boat. Beside the door of the cabin hangs a white board with red characters bearing the name of the school. Inside the cabin, as in a classroom on land, there are desks, chairs and a blackboard. The pupils' sampans are tied round the boat in a circle.

On a Boat, Cleanliness Counts!

Girls who live on these boats seem to have a particular fondness for cleanliness. One always sees them washing here, scrubbing there. On sunny days, they hang clothes on poles in the shed and spread out quilts to dry on reed mats. Thus, it is always clean and tidy both inside and outside the cabin.

As evening approaches, the girls have to start preparing dinner. Not surprisingly, their specialty is cooking fish, whether it be carp, whitebait or mandarin fish, simmered, fried or cooked in sweet and sour sauce — all are delicious. Only with snakehead fish can one cook numerous kinds of dishes: shredded fish, sliced fish, minced fish, fish balls and more. When the girls cook, they tend to sing in rhythm to the bellows.

Within a few years, the girls will get married, their dowry nothing but a loom for making fishing nets, oars, poles and a red dress. On her wedding day, a large decorated boat with *suona* horns, drums and gongs will arrive, at which point she will go from her own boat to her husband's family's boat. Then she will begin a new life with a new family on a new boat on the lake.



Though poorly equipped, the "School on the Water" has all the necessities (by Song Weidong).

Children learn at an early age to pole their own sampans to school (by Song Weidong).

A boat pauses in a clump of green reeds, creating a lovely picture of nature and people in perfect harmony (by Song Weidong).

Leisure Time on the Lake

Besides keeping cats, women on the boats like to raise ducks and chickens and grow flowers. Ducks are enclosed in pens made of nets, which are movable and glide along in the water beside the boats. Chickens are kept in coops made of wire and hung in sterns above the water. Every family and every boat on the lake grow flowers, however their aim is not quality but quantity of flowers. The bow of each boat is full of cockscombs, oleanders and wild orchids, planted in old basins or mugs. The purpose of the flowers is simply to add colour and beauty to their lives on the boats.

Men's tasks include catching and then selling fish and shrimp, plus cutting and selling reeds, which serve as firewood. For storing cut firewood, four stakes are driven into the bottom of the lake, and a rack is built on which the reeds are stacked to dry. Each family has its own rack, and no one would think of taking someone else's reeds.

All the men on the lake are fond of alcohol, tobacco and tea. The stronger the spirit is, the better. They smoke through long pipes, and when drinking tea they use lake water for brewing, and drink it very hot. These three products help to pass the long and uneventful nights on the lake.

A Winter Village on Ice

When winter comes, but before the lake is ice-bound, the houseboats pull up side by side into bays and a village suddenly comes into being. The boats are houses, the waterway between the rows of boats is the street and the sampans are passers-by and shoppers.

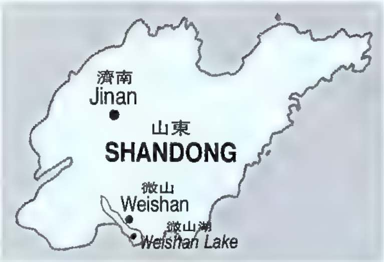
In the evening, cooking smoke rises from every boat and lights are lit one after another. The reflection of lights on the water makes the water village more beautiful than a real village on land.

After the lake is frozen over all the boats stay put, and there is no work to do except ice-fishing. Taking advantage of the slack season, boat dwellers interview prospective mates, arrange weddings, repair boats or even build houses on shore. In their leisure time, they sing songs to the beat of homemade sheepskin drums.

Newlyweds might seek a secluded place on the lake in which to build a comfortable nest for the winter. In the eyes of the people who live on the boats, life, love and happiness all take place on the never-changing quiet and peace of the lake.

Translated by Chen Jiaji

Living on boats all year and feeding on abundant varieties of fish, the children of fishing families are bound to be a bit chubby (by Qiu Guofang).



The lake people's love for colour and beauty is reflected in this young married woman's bedroom: red New Year pictures adorn the wall, potted flowers sit on the windowsill and she wears a bright red jacket (by Zou Bendong).

Sculpture in the Shanxi-Shaanxi Guildhall

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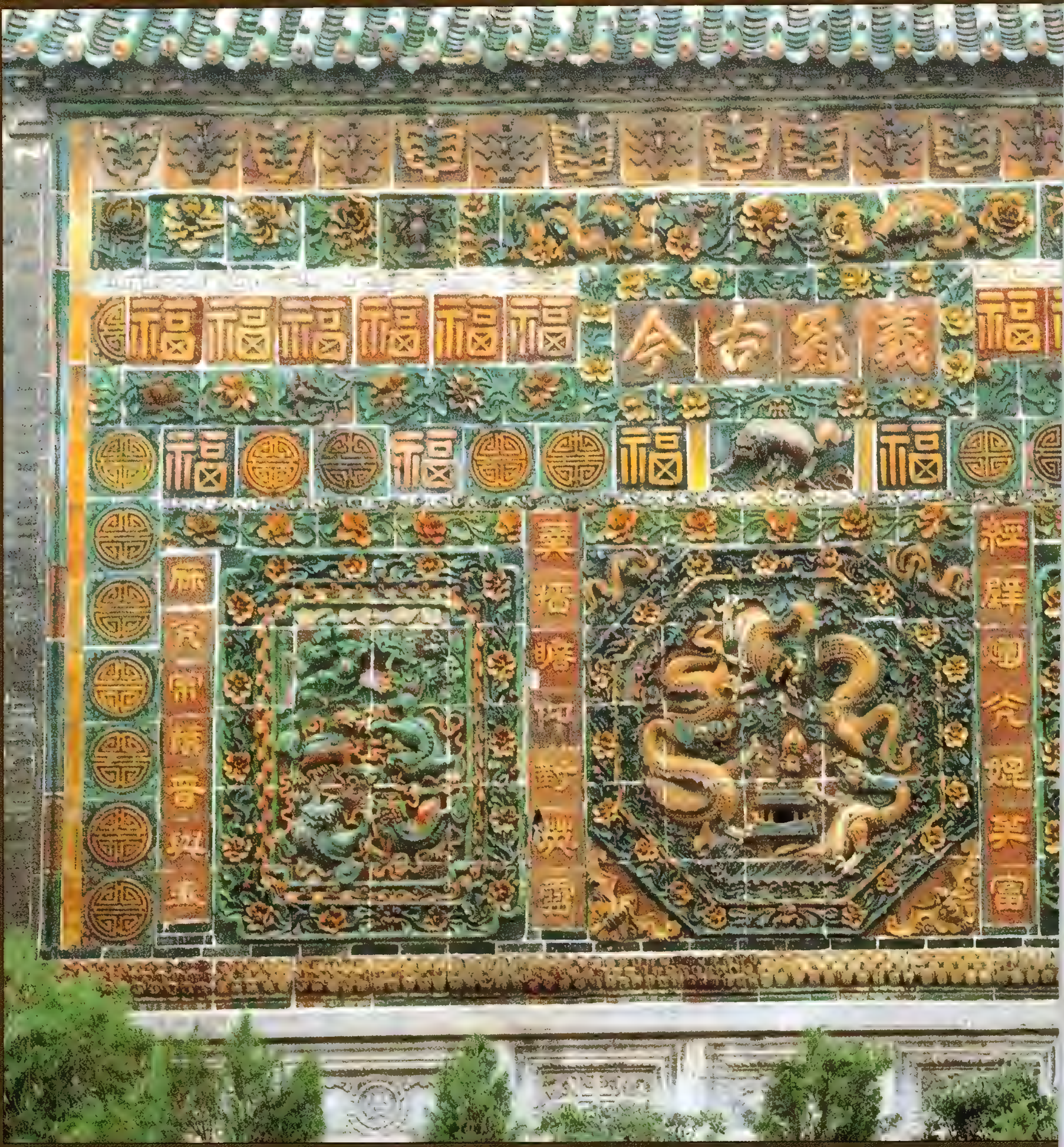


n Sheqi, Henan

Driving from Nanyang in the southern part of Henan Province, we arrived at Sheqi Town fifty minutes later, to be greeted by a palace-style architectural complex, the Sheqi County Museum. This originally was the Shanxi-Shaanxi Guildhall, built in the 18th century.

Sheqi once was a vital point in the transport route connecting nine provinces from south to north. It was accessible both by land and water. One could ride on horseback from Sheqi to Kaifeng and Luoyang in the old days or else take a boat southward to Xiangfan and Wuhan. Therefore business people gathered in Sheqi, among them powerful salt merchants and rich tea traders. In its heyday Sheqi had 72 streets inhabited by over 130,000 citizens. The guildhall was built with funds provided by business people from the two provinces of Shanxi and Shaanxi.

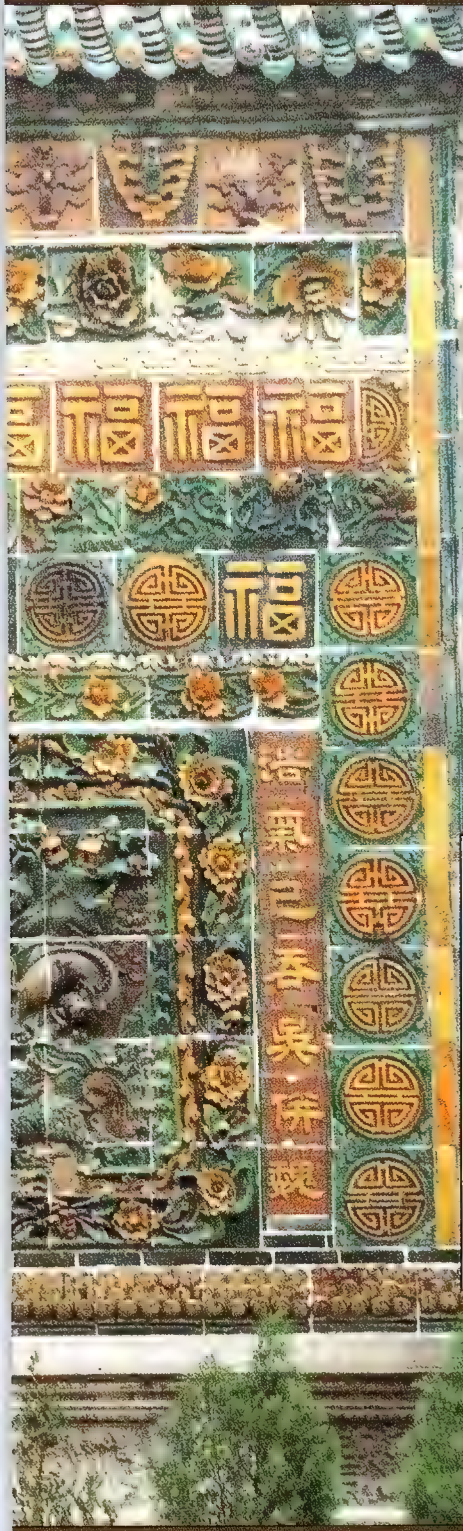
On the left side of the entrance to the guildhall is a green and yellow glaze-tiled screen wall. Upon close examination one finds a picture at the bottom, entitled "Four Lions Battling for Treasure". The lions look like four large fish, swinging heads and tails. The composition is rectangular in shape, while the lions show both a soft quality as well as leonine strength. Right in the centre of the wall is a "Dragon Playing with Pearl". To the right are "Fighting Animals" as well as auspicious decorative designs of peony, spider and bat. They are devoid of the extravagance of Han Dynasty motifs carved on stone found in Nanyang.

The Sheqi sculptures are stylized, with the lines circling, sleek and flowing. The spirit of Han Dynasty portrayals, however, is retained in them. The various sculptures in the guildhall are carved in this style.

Having entered the eastern and western gates leading through the palisade to the guildhall, we came to the Xuanjian Pavilion, in front of which are two towering iron flagposts that can be seen even from as far as outside Sheqi Town. At the base of the flagposts are two stone lions. The female one holds a young lion with its front paw and carries another on her back. The male lion holds a ball in many colours with its paw. In this regard, they resemble typical stone lions, but in other respects these lions are different. For example, in the mouth of the male one there is a piece of colourful silk. It seems almost as if the lion is playing with a person, whose presence is not shown. The sculptor has somehow "domesticated" the lions, instead of making them to be ferocious animals that guard the gate.

The front tablet on top of the southern gate of the Xuanjian Pavilion and the horizontal part of the bracket, known as *queti*, are both ornamented with wooden carvings. The design on the front tablet shows the eight Taoist immortals riding on animals. The picture portrayed on the *queti* below is about an ancient story.

To the north of the pavilion stands a theatrical stage. On the lintel of the door in the corridor are sculptures either in stone or wood containing scenes from Chinese operas. In front of the foundation of the stage are 25 stone carvings arranged in a row, with illustrations said to be taken from four stories. The Dabai Hall constitutes one of the finest pieces of architecture in the Shanxi-Shaanxi Guildhall. The *queti* on the stone column in the front hall contains gilded open-work sculpture.



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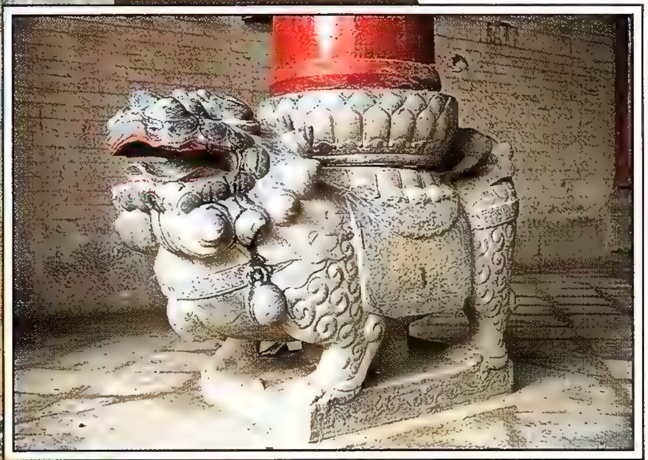

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1. A screen wall made of over 1,000 glazed tiles in a multiplicity of colours

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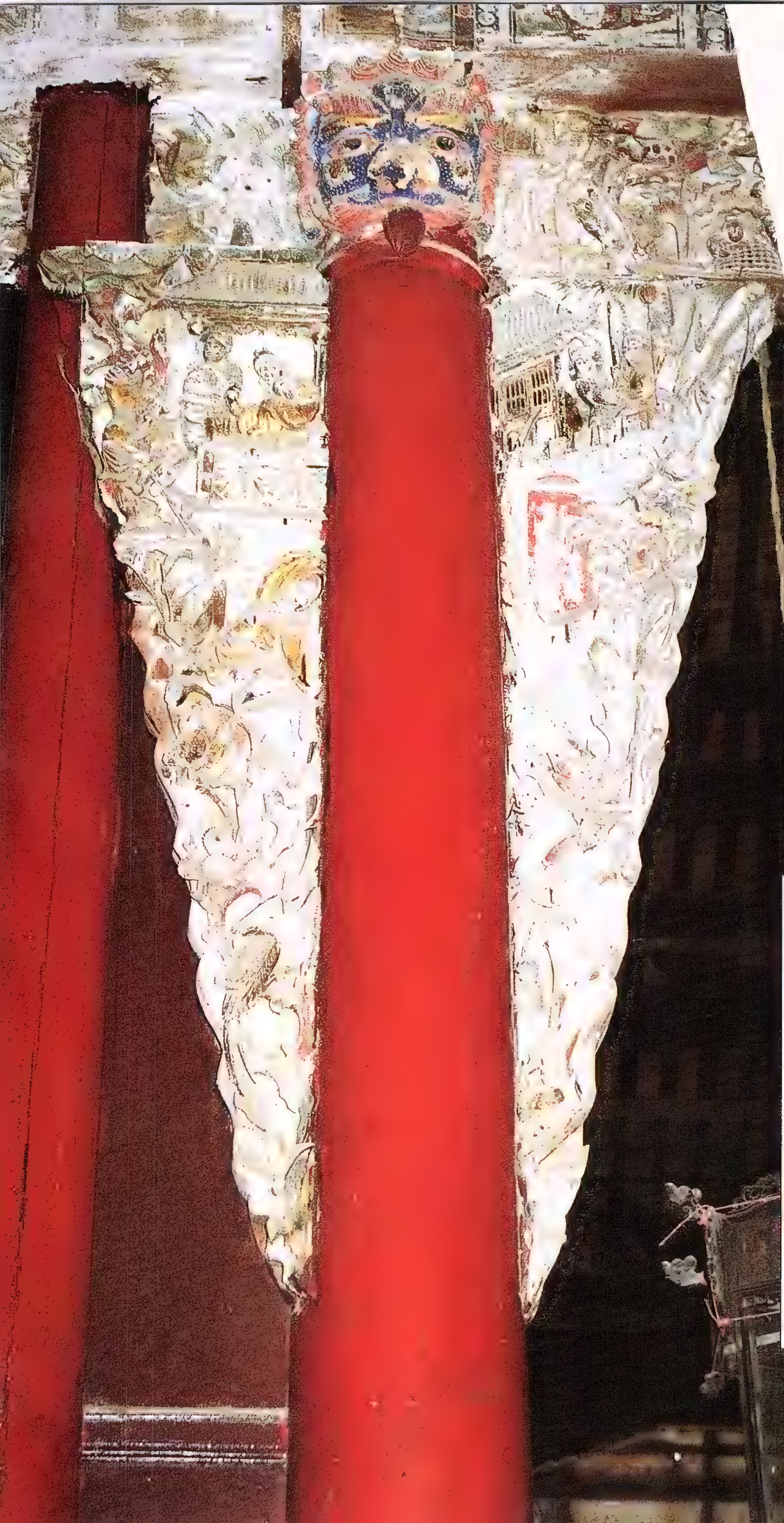

On the left is a sculptured picture
depicting gods and heroes from classical
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illustration of a dinner scene at Hongmen
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out while the composition is wonderful
because the mountain, river
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the moon terrace on the approach
to Dabai Hall are full of sculptures
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left is most interesting. It shows
General Zhao Kuangyin, before
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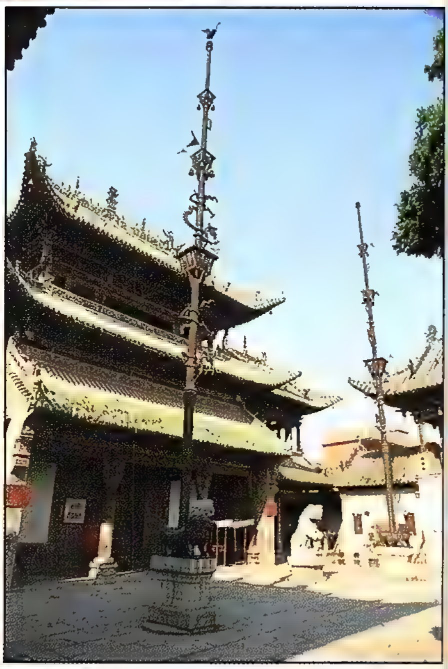

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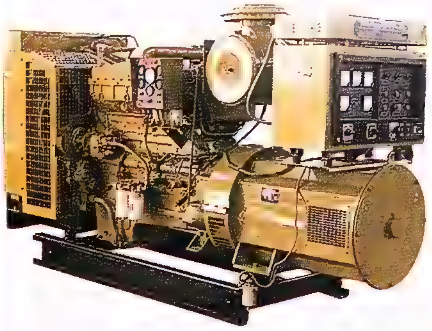

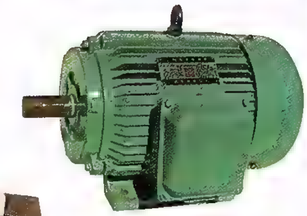

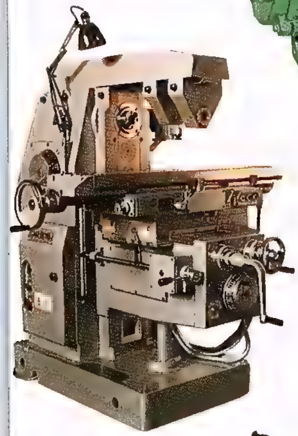

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Qinling Range in Early Spring

Photographer: QIU XIAOMING

In March, when it is early spring, the peaks of the Qinling Range are still cloaked in winter snow, but a trace of green, brought by gentle spring breezes, suggests the rebirth of life and the renewal of hope into this vast and peaceful region. People coming out of their cave-dwellings sing *Xintianyou*, a Shaanxi folk tune, their honest and plain melodies reverberating throughout the quiet gullies and ravines.

The Qinling Range runs from east to west between the Weihe River in the north and the Hanjiang River in the south. Its middle section, at an altitude of 1,500-3,000 metres above sea level, in Shaanxi Province, is 400-600 km from east to west and 120-180 km from north to south. Lying in the northern part of the province, its main range boasts many peaks such as Mount Taibai, Mount Yuhuang, Mount Niubei, Mount Shouyang and Mount Zhongnan. Among them, Mount Taibai, at an altitude of 3,767 metres above sea level and with a terrain of intact ancient glaciers, is the highest peak of the Qinling Range.

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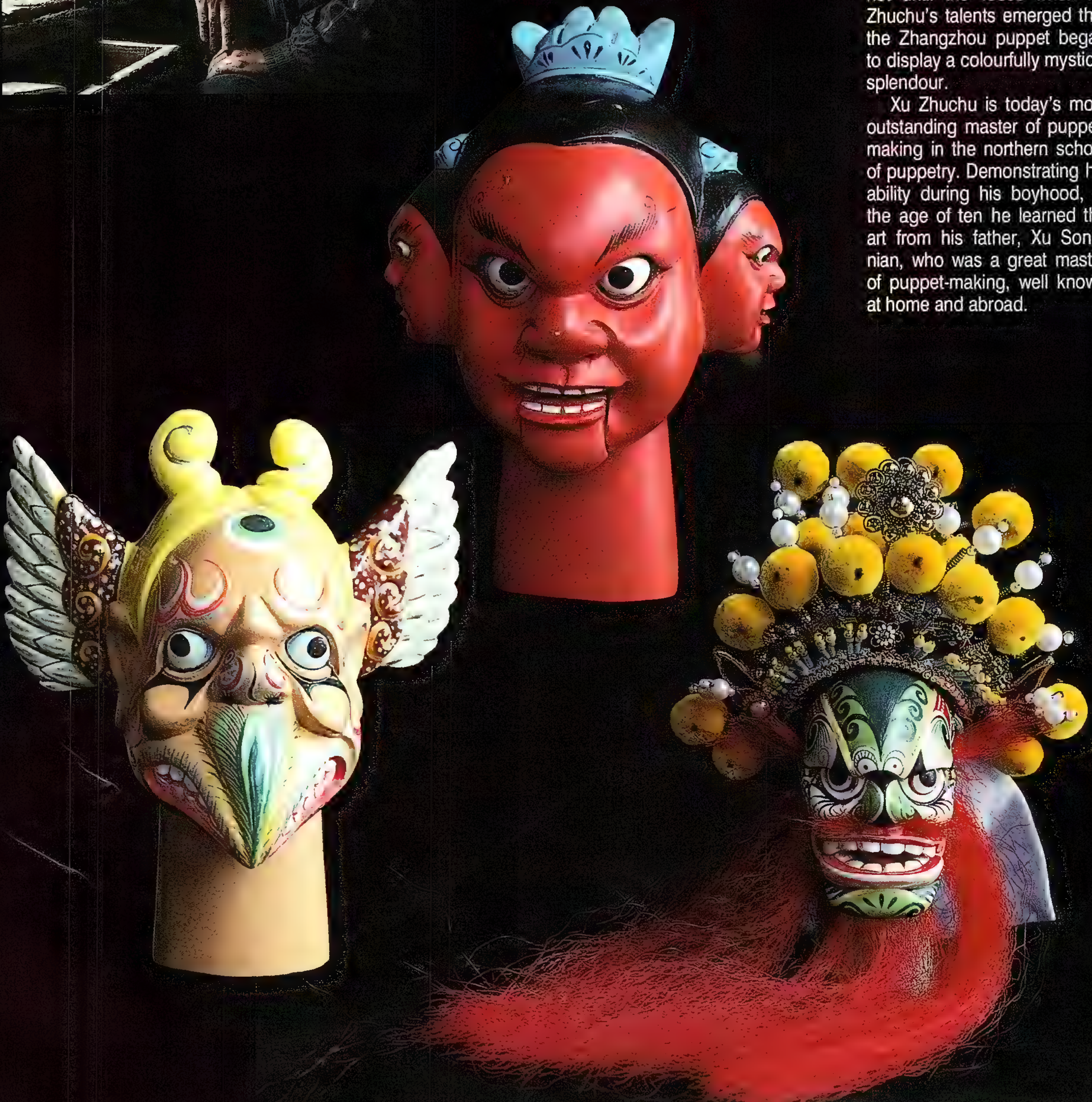
Zhangzhou Puppets

Zhangzhou is the cradle of the northern school of puppetry in southern Fujian Province. Puppet heads produced here have a history of at least 180 years. The traditional puppet is made of cloth, only 27 centimetres tall and flat in appearance. Brushed with oil and wax, the head and the facial expression were basically fixed. Although sporting different designs, the variety could not be considered rich. It was not until the 1960s when Xu Zhuchu's talents emerged that the Zhangzhou puppet began to display a colourfully mystical splendour.

Xu Zhuchu is today's most outstanding master of puppet-making in the northern school of puppetry. Demonstrating his ability during his boyhood, at the age of ten he learned the art from his father, Xu Songnian, who was a great master of puppet-making, well known at home and abroad.



— The Wonderful Art of Puppet-Making

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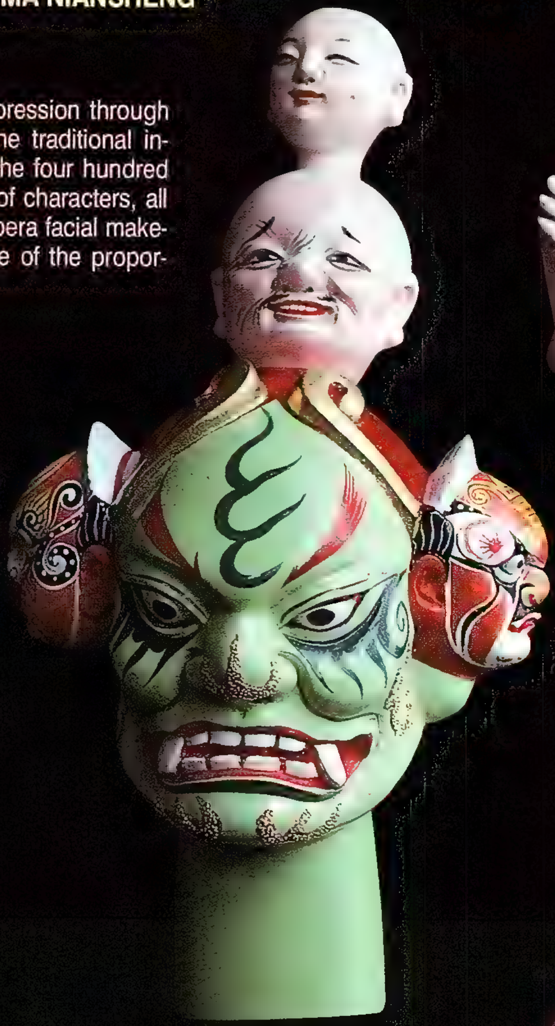
Xu Zhuchu places stress on depicting expression through image moulding. His works embody both the traditional inheritance of the art and his own creativity. The four hundred puppet heads he has made reveal a variety of characters, all displaying the essence of the art of Beijing Opera facial make-up. The features, facial muscles and a sense of the proportions in the body's framework are all highly regarded, with rolling eyes, distinctive and sharply defined character. The height has been increased to fifty centimetres and with a more rounded effect resulting from foam plastic stuffing, the puppets he has created are plump and lifelike. Greatly appreciated by audiences at puppet performances for their lively movements and also as household ornaments, these veritable works of art have earned the reputation of being "state treasures".



Shenzhen

A "Hot Spot" for Investors

TEXT BY SHA ZHOU

There are two main factors that have contributed to making Shenzhen a popular place for investments. First is its location — situated on the border with Hong Kong, people from all over the region can have easy access to this Special Economic Zone. Secondly, Shenzhen was chosen as an "experimental area" to contribute to the reconstruction of China's economy, and as a "window"on the outside world. Due to its attractive investment climate and a series of preferential policies, Shenzhen has now become a hot spot for investors from Hong Kong, Macau and overseas.

Investors from All Over the World

At present, there are over 6,000 companies in Shenzhen that are either Sino-foreign joint ventures or wholly foreign-owned. Factories of all sizes are spread across Shenzhen, many of which have investors from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Japan, the United States, Britain and elsewhere. New investment is continuously pouring in.

Attracted by Shenzhen's favourable investment conditions, companies from almost all the provinces, autonomous regions and major cities in China have set up offices here, and many have also invested in industry and commerce. A rough statistic shows that Shenzhen's mainland-associated enterprises add up to over 5,000.

Some of the foreign-funded enterprises in Shenzhen are such well-known companies as Pepsi-Cola, Sanyo, Hitachi, Ricoh, Olympus, Yaohan, Cheung Kong (Holdings), Shangri-La, 7-Eleven, McDonald's, Fairwood Fast Food and Café de Coral.

Investors from Hong Kong and Macau outnumber those from other places, both in terms of projects and funds. Next come investors from Japan and then the United States. According to sources, by the end of 1992 Shenzhen had 10,233 projects involving investments from overseas including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, with total investments of over US$4.5 billion.

▲*The villas radiating from East Lake have attracted many investors, as these housing units are some of the nicest in the city.*

▶*The stock market has become one of the most popular places to go for Shenzhen people.*

Simplified Procedures and Preferential Policies

With a view to attract more foreign investors, early this year the municipal government of Shenzhen promulgated regulations and trial measures for simplifying procedures for the examination and approval of investments. In addition, the government has made up a catalogue of instructions about investing in Shenzhen.

For most projects, investors only have to register at the Administrative Bureau of Industry and Commerce. It usually takes two or three days, and in some cases only one day, to get approval. It takes at most 15 days to go through all the registration procedures needed to start a business.

The Administrative Bureau of Industry and Commerce has adopted a series of measures close to international standards. When the subsidiary branch of the Canon Company Ltd. wanted to start a project in Shenzhen to develop and produce spare parts and make Ricoh duplicators, it took only two and a half days for the Administrative Bureau of Industry and Commerce to grant the company a business license.

The preferential policies are a majo reason why Shenzhen is a popular spot fo foreign investments. For example, enterpris income tax here is only 15 per cent, whil foreign-funded enterprises are exempt fron local income tax. Enterprises engaged in in dustry, agriculture, forestry or animal hus bandry, starting with their first profit-makin year, are exempt from income tax for tw years. And from the third to the fifth yea they are entitled to pay only half the norma income tax. For enterprises engaged in de veloping new technology, the preferentia period for paying half the normal income ta can be extended for three more years.

Moreover, if the investor is confident of hi business and reinvests his profits within Chin and the time of investment exceeds five year he will be refunded the taxes he had pre viously paid.

In the Shenzhen Special Economic Zone, preferential treatment for investors is fully guaranteed by law. The municipal government has instituted some 30 individual laws and regulations concerning land administration, industrial and commercial registration, entry and exit procedures, labour and wages, foreign-owned property administration, transfers of technology and foreign contracts. In addition, legislative bodies, judicial organs, arbitral bodies and notary offices have been set up.

Stocks & Real Estate — New Outlets for Investment

Forty years after its closing, the stock market has now reopened in Shenzhen. The stock market and the real estate market have become two major attractions for investors.

After several years of ups and downs, Shenzhen's stock markets are now in full swing, with shareholders from all walks of life. At present, over 30 kinds of stocks have gone on the market, with a total value of about Rmb¥5 billion. The annual volume of stock ransactions is over Rmb¥40 billion. In Shenzhen there are more than 20 stock exchanges with 48 subsidiaries.

According to sources, in 1994 the scale of tocks allowed on the market will be increased one to two times, and companies rom other cities and provinces will add up to over 200.

The prosperity of the stock market is matched only by the thriving business of real estate. Less risky but highly profitable, investment in real estate attracts many business investors fron Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, not to mention local people.

Between January and August 1992, real estate prices in Shenzhen shot up, with the highest price reaching HK$26,000 per square metre, almost as high as in Hong Kong.

In recent years, huge investments have been made to buy up estates and build houses, opening up brighter prospects for future investments in real estate.

A Booming Tourist Industry

In recent years Shenzhen has also attracted countless visitors from Hong Kong and Macau, who come here to shop, go sightseeing or spend their holidays. People from other parts of China come to visit friends and go sightseeing as well. Consequently, Shenzhen's tourist industry has had to develop very rapidly. The China Travel Service (Hong Kong) Limited took the lead and invested a huge sum to build Splendid China and the China Folk Culture Villages, both highly profitable ventures. In only a couple of years, profits reached a level several times greater than investment.

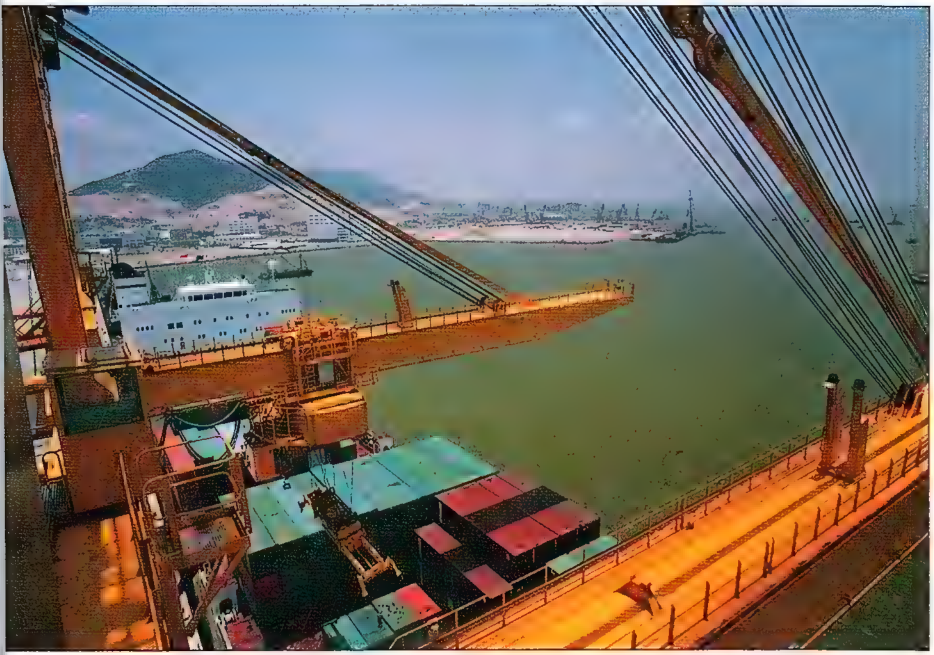
Now Shenzhen boasts many tourist spots and over a hundred hotels and restaurants, which provide all the necessary facilities for singing, dancing, eating and drinking. The city's hotel rooms are always fully booked, another indication of Shenzhen's enormous popularity with both tourists and business people.

Translated by Chen Jiaji

Major Official Organizations for Investment in Shenzhen

Name	Address	Telephone
Economic Development Bureau	8 Shangbu Road Central	2240973
Trade Development Bureau	8 Shangbu Road Central	2243843
Planning Bureau	8 Shangbu Road Central	2243846
Administrative Bureau of Industry & Commerce	1, Lane 1, Guiyuan Road	2254611
Bureau of Taxation	11 Songyuan Road	2232202
Municipal Bureau of Construction	8 Shangbu Road Central	2244274
Transportation Bureau	8 Shangbu Road Central	2244304
Environmental Protection Bureau	8 Shangbu Road Central	2243763
Public Security Bureau	176 Jiefang Road	2226355
Labour Bureau	Honggui Road	2239644
Power Supply Bureau	Yanhe Road West	2222283
Economic Co-operation Office	8 Shangbu Road Central	2244261
Commodity Inspection Bureau	3 Wenjin Road South	2236461
People's Bank of China, Shenzhen Branch	183 Jiefang Road West	2250240
Bank of China, Shenzhen Branch	Jianshe Road	2202291
Industrial & Commercial Bank of China, Shenzhen Branch	North Block, Monetary Centre Building, Shennan Road Central	2246400
People's Construction Bank of China, Shenzhen Branch	East Block, Monetary Centre Building, Shennan Road Central	2246189
Shenzhen Notary Public Office	5 Xintuo Building, Hongling Road Central	2204324
Kowloon Customs	64 Heping Road	2224401
Wenjindu Customs	Wenjindu	2224401
Customs Office for Special Zone	Huaqiang Road North	2263231
Shen Da Telephone Co.	Shihua Building, Huafu Road	2222222
Investment Promotion Centre	8 Shangbu Road Central	2244312
Investment Enquiry Service	Hualian Building, Shennan Road Central	2361299
Labour Service Co.	Honggui Road	2239646
Water Supply Co.	11 Shennan Road Central	2243234
State Stock Exchange Co.	3/F, Block B, Youyi City, Youyi Road	2232910
State Insurance Co.	1, Lane 1, Songyuan East, Bao'an Road	2236979
Shenzhen Arbitration Commission	17/F, Block 1, Tongjian Building, Shennan Road Central	3365885
Foreign Economic Lawyer's Office	408 International Trade Building, Jiabin Road	3350945
Foreign Accountant's Office	3 Songyuan Road North	2252324
Court of Mediation for Economic Issues	15 Hongling Road Central	2244244
Trained Personnel Service Centre	Shennan Road Central	2223211
Foreign Currency Readjustment Centre	People's Bank Building, 183 Jiefang Road West	2258544
Shum Yip (Holding) Co. Ltd.	New East Ocean Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong	3692886

By the end of 1992 Shenzhen had received over US$4.5 billion of investments in over 10,000 projects. The largest oint-venture project is the Shekou Port, run by people from both Hong Kong and China.



Sectors Now Open to Foreign Investment

The scope of businesses open for foreign investment in Shenzhen has greatly broadened in recent years. Below is a list of some of the areas in which non-Mainland Chinese citizens can invest, divided into three categories – industry, commerce and tourism.

Industry:
Machinery
Electronics and telecommunications equipment
Transportation equipment
Petrochemicals
Light industry
Textiles
Pharmaceuticals
Building materials
Metallurgy and non-ferrous metals processing
... plus other new and developing industries.

Commerce:
Shopping centres
Supermarkets
Chain stores
Specialty shops
Restaurants
Grocery stores
... and all kinds of retail businesses.

Tourism:
Scenic spots and tourist attractions
Entertainment facilities
Exhibitions
The food and drink industry
... and many other businesses related to developing tourism in Shenzhen.

BUSINESS TIPS

Ganzhou Full of Potential

Sandwiched between Guangdong and Fujian provinces, Ganzhou Prefecture at the southern end of Jiangxi Province is gaining popularity among foreign investors. Ganzhou Prefecture has jurisdiction over 18 counties with a total population of seven million, making it a large region with plenty of manpower. The prefecture has abundant natural resources in the form of tungsten, tin, lead, zinc and other minerals, more than in any other part of China. The prefecture has been open to foreign investors since 1988, and many of its 200,000 residents now living overseas have expressed an interest in helping the area to develop.

Tourist Project on Hainan Open to Investors

Recently open to investors is Hainan Province's newest tourist development project, the Wanquanhe Tourist Zone. Located along the eastern coast of Hainan in the city of Qionghai's Wanquanhe Entertainment Port, the new zone will require investment of Rmb¥1.9 billion (US$333 million).

Haikou Offering Best Preferential Policies

Hainan Province's Haikou Free Trade District is now open for business, with authorities there hoping to provide an ideal investment environment for both Chinese and foreign firms. Already a favourable region for development due to its location and good transportation infrastructure, the free trade district also offers the best preferential policies of any special zone in China.

For example, certain goods can be brought into or out of the zone without licences, Sino-foreign joint ventures can engage in international trade, and raw materials can be imported by foreign firms for enterprises within the zone. In addition, businesses can keep whatever foreign exchange they earn, foreign investors can send their foreign exchange home or exchange their money for other currencies, and business people in the zone are given greater freedom of movement regarding exiting and entering the district.

Southwest China's First Trade Fair

To help Southwest China's business prospects with the outside world, the first China Kunming Export Commodities Trade Fair will take place in Kunming, Yunnan Province's capital city, from August 8 to 18. The fair will be jointly sponsored by Yunnan, Sichuan and Guizhou provinces, the Tibet and Guangxi Zhuang autonomous regions and the cities of Chengdu and Chongqing.

The goal of the fair is to encourage trade between the southwestern region of China and its neighbouring countries in South and Southeast Asia. Delegates have been invited to exhibit their products from both China and abroad, hoping that this will become an annual event similar to Guangzhou's vastly popular trade fair.

The focus of the fair will be on business transactions, and will include exhibitions, negotiations on engineering and technological projects, and the development of tourism in the area. Border trade, already big business in Yunnan, will also be discussed.

New Customs Regulations Favour Open Cities

New regulations regarding imports and exports to China's open cities and zones have been set by customs, offering preferential tariffs and tax exemptions. Foreign-funded enterprises, for example, can now import equipment and construction material tariff and tax free. Also exempt are office and communications equipment, plus raw materials, parts and packing materials imported for the production of goods for export. Exports from such enterprises will also be exempted from the regular export tariffs.

Mount Taishan Open for Foreign Investment

The area around celebrated Mount Taishan in Shandong Province is set to become an international centre for tourism by the year 2000. Named part of the world's natural heritage by UNESCO in 1987, Mount Taishan has been famous throughout China since the sixth century, and was visited at least once by Confucius himself.

The area covering Mount Taishan, the city of Tai'an and Dongping Lake has now been designated by the provincial authorities as an open development zone for tourism and other related industries. Part of the attraction to foreign investors, besides the fame and natural beauty of the region, is its new preferential policies, which include tax breaks and 40-year land leasing contracts.

Major Steel Factory Seeks Foreign Partners

Guangdong Province will be building a large steel factory to produce 10 million tons of steel a year in Zhanjiang, a coastal city located near Hainan Island. Foreign investment in the project is expected to be at least 49 per cent of the total Rmb¥43 billion (US$7.3 billion) required. Investors from Germany, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan have already shown an interest in the project. Construction is expected to begin in 1995 and production should start by 2000, with an initial annual output of three million tons. A symposium will be held in Hong Kong in the near future to solicit foreign investment.

Shenzhen to Become Trade Centre

Shenzhen, a Special Economic Zone on the border with Hong Kong, is planning to become an international city within the next ten years, and by the year 2000 hopes to increase its exports to US$15 billion. Already China's second-largest exporter of goods, the government is expecting in the future to have 40 per cent of its exports shipped to countries far away from China.

By focusing on tertiary trade, agriculture and scientific and technological advances, and by co-operating with partners world-wide, Shenzhen has an excellent chance to reach its goals. Shenzhen's foreign trade jumped from US$13 million in 1979 to nearly US$8 billion in 1992, and last year the city had trade relationships with 103 countries and regions.

City on Korean Border Opening Up

Three development zones are to be built in the small city of Longjing, near Yanji City in the Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture in Jilin Province. The city is located just across the Tumen River from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and boasts both beautiful scenery and natural resources. Over the next ten years, Rmb¥2 billion (US$344 million) will be invested to develop the three zones, which will include one for electronics, textiles and light industry, another for the farming and garment industries, and the third will be a port trade zone.

In order to help people learn more about this remote and unique area and its produce, a fair to promote its famous apple-pears will be held on September 20. The fruit looks like an apple but tastes like a pear, and is exported to many countries outside of China. The festival will consist of folk customs performances, plus tourism and trade talks.

Major Hotels in Shenzhen

Airlines Hotel
航空大酒店
130 Shennan Road East, Shenzhen 518002
Tel: 2237999 Fax: 2237866
102 rooms Rates: Single HK$330, double HK$380, suite HK$620
Located in commercial centre, 12 km from airport, 2 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese restaurants, karaoke, dancing hall, shopping arcade, coffee shop

Bamboo Garden Hotel
竹園賓館
29 Dongmen Road North, Shenzhen 518003
Tel: 5533138
Telex: 420390 DGH CN
Fax: 5534835
GM: Li Sandai
Open January 1981
212 rooms and suites Rates: Single US$44, double US$46, suite US$63-157
Located 25 km from airport, 3 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, karaoke, sauna, bowling, shopping arcade, disco, beauty salon, billiard room

Century Plaza Hotel
新都酒店
Jianshe Road, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2220888
Telex: 420382 CPATL CN
Fax: 2234060
GM: Roger Fung
Opened April 1988
428 rooms Rates: US$89-576
Located 40 km from airport, 500 m from railway station
Taxi fare to/from airport, HK$150; railway station HK$12
Facilities: Chinese, Western and Japanese restaurants, bar, disco, business centre, function rooms, swimming pool, gym, sauna, clinic

Chin Loong Wan Hotel
潛龍灣賓館
Kangle Road, Shekou, Shenzhen 518067
Tel: 6691918
Telex: 420806 SIZ CN
Fax: 6692302
GM: Luo Jinchuan
Opened 9 November 1985
189 rooms and suites Rates: Double US$29, deluxe US$39, suite US$84
Located 18 km from airport, 30 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, bar, beauty salon, shopping arcade, billiard room, conference room

China Regency Hotel
帝豪酒店
1 Bao'an Road North, Shenzhen 518002
Tel: 2260888 Fax: 2264495
GM: Du Xin
150 rooms and suites Rates: Standard HK$580, suite HK$1,200/4,300
Located 30 km from airport, 2 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, conference rooms, banquet rooms, swimming pool, gym, sauna, massage, beauty salon, nightclub, karaoke, coffee shop, bar

Choi's Garden Hotel
蔡屋圍大酒店
Jiefang Road West, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 5573363, 5573782, 5579690
Telex: 420362 CGHSZ CN Fax: 5595418
117 rooms and suites Rates: HK$257-500
Located in the city centre, 33 km from airport, 2.5 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, shopping arcade, shuttle bus services

City Hotel
名都酒店
2 Wenjin Road Central, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2257000 Fax: 2222765
300 rooms and suites Rates: Single HK$230, double HK$330/430, suite HK$580/980
Located in commercial centre, 35 km from airport, 5 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, shopping arcade, swimming pool, disco, bar

Di Fu Hotel
迪富賓館
20 Zhenhua Road, Shangbu, Futian District, Shenzhen 518031
Tel: 3350568 Fax: 3352574
159 rooms and suites Rates: Standard HK$200-280, suite HK$300-400
Located 35 km from airport, 7 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, dancing hall

East Lake Hotel
東湖賓館
Shenzhen Reservoir, Shenzhen 518003
Tel: 5530088
Telex: 420236 ELASC CN
Fax: 5529160
136 rooms and suites Rates: Double HK$340-500, suite HK$780

Forum Hotel Shenzhen
富臨大酒店
67 Heping Road, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 5586333
Telex: 420199 FORUM CN
Fax: 5561700
538 rooms and suites Rates: Double HK$680/890, suite HK$1,250

Fu Rong Hotel
芙蓉賓館
Dongmen Road South, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2235966
125 rooms

Golden Lustre Hotel
金碧酒店
59 Chunfeng Road, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2252640
Telex: 420517 GLHCA CN
Fax: 2255639
Opened 28 August 1988
336 rooms Rates: Double HK$420/520, suite HK$850
Located in the city centre, 36 km from airport, 5 minutes from railway station
Facilities: Business rooms, nightclub, karaoke, swimming pool

Grand Skylight Hotel
格蘭雲天大酒店
68 Shennan Road Central, Shenzhen 518031
Tel: 3363001
Telex: 420574 GSLH CN
Fax: 3362380
252 rooms Rates: Double HK$430/460, suite HK$1,000
Located 35 km from airport, 3 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, karaoke, nightclub, shopping arcade

Guangdong Hotel
粵海酒店

130 Shennan Road East, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2228339
Telex: 420511 GDSZC CN
Fax: 2234560
GM: David Deng
Opened 23 December 1988
207 rooms Rates: US$64
Located in the city centre, 30 km from airport, 2 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, conference rooms, karaoke, gym, dancing room, function rooms, bar

Haihong Hotel
海虹大酒店
14 Hongbao Road, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 5587916, 5569249
98 rooms Rates: Standard Rmb¥150/160/180
Located 3 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese restaurant, karaoke

He Dong Hotel
河東賓館
18 Yanhe Road East, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 5593253 Fax: 5582943
117 rooms

Hotel Ambassador
國賓酒店
Shennan Raod East, Shenzhen 518002
Tel: 2258388 Fax: 2259580
220 rooms Rates: Double HK$384/496, suite HK$784

Hotel Oriental Regent
晶都酒店

Hongling Road South, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2247000
Telex: 420474 OREGE CN
Fax: 2247290
407 rooms and suites Rates: Double HK$560/680, suite HK$950
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, conference rooms, gym, swimming pool, disco, karaoke, coffee shop, beauty salon, bar, tennis court

Hua Du Hotel
華都酒店
District 6, Bao'an, Shenzhen 518101
Tel: 7780888 Fax: 7783737
103 rooms Rates: Double HK$200/360, suite HK$438-800
Located 8 km from airport, 28 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese restaurants, conference room, dancing hall, karaoke, business centre, beauty salon, bar

Jing Hu Hotel
京湖大酒店
66 Renmin Road South, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2226666
76 rooms

Jing Peng Hotel
京鵬賓館
57 Shennan Road East, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2227190 Telex: 420443 CN
Fax: 2227191
220 rooms

Li Jiang Chun Hotel
漓江春賓館

54 Chunfeng Road, Shenzhen 518002
Tel: 2235898 Fax: 2235541
Opened 6 October 1987
200 rooms Rates: FEC¥198-275 (+10%)
Located 40 km from airport, 500 m from railway station
Facilities: Restaurant, business centre, coffee shop, karaoke, bar, beauty salon, shopping arcade

Lian Cheng Hotel
聯城酒店

Lianfa Building, Wenjin Road South, Shenzhen 518002
Tel: 2255555 Fax: 2255555
92 rooms
Located 36 km from airport, 1 km from railway station

Lowu Hotel
羅湖賓館

8 Hubei Road, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2224068 Fax: 2224066
Opened December 1985
127 rooms
Located 30 km from airport, 500 m from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, bar, karaoke, dancing room, shopping arcade, beauty salon

Luo Hu Hotel
羅湖大酒店

3 Nanhu Road, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2252938 Fax: 2254184
249 rooms Rates: Double HK$378, suite HK$698

Nan Fang International Hotel
南方國際大酒店

1 Shennan Road East, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2256728 Fax: 2256936
252 rooms Rates: Double HK$430, deluxe HK$480, suite HK$1,000

Nanhai Hotel
南海酒店

Shekou Industrial Zone, Shenzhen 518069
Tel: 6692888
Telex: 420879 NHHTL CN
Fax: 6692440
GM: Albert B.C. Young
Opened 26 March 1986
396 rooms and suites Rates: Single US$64, double US$83-128, suite US$167-1090 (all + 10%)
Located 30 km from airport, 30 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, conference rooms, minigolf, swimming pool, tennis courts, gym, sauna, disco, karaoke, beauty salon, business centre, bar, function rooms, shopping arcade, coffee shop

Nanyang Hotel
南洋大酒店

A/Flat, Nanyang Building, Jianshe Road, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2224968
Telex: 420314 NYTCL CN
Fax: 2238927
181 rooms Rates: HK$280-380
Located 38 km from airport, 1 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, billiard room, business centre, function rooms, dancing hall

New Garden Hotel
新園大酒店

6 Xinyuan Road, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2226333 Fax: 2226333-2109
305 rooms Rates: Double HK$260 290, suite HK$600

Northern Building Hotel
北方賓館

Shennan Road Central, Shenzhen 518033
Tel: 3365432 Telex: 420501 NORIN CN
Fax: 3365424
82 rooms

Orient Hotel
東方酒店

136 Shennan Road East, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2234118 Fax: 2234123
138 rooms

Overseas Chinese Hotel
華僑大廈

68 Heping Road, Shenzhen 518010
Tel: 5564762, 5573811
Telex: 420368 SZOCB CN
Fax: 5572243
224 rooms and suites Rates: FEC¥180-318
Located 40 km from airport, 100 m from railway station
Facilities: Massage, beauty salon, clinic, shopping arcade

San Jiu Hotel (New "Xin Xing Hotel")
三九大酒店（新「新興大酒店」）

2 Shennan Road East, Shenzhen 518002
Tel: 5548888 Fax: 5533849
284 rooms Rates: Double HK$256, suite HK$518

Shang Lin Yuan Hotel
上林苑酒店

1 Bagua Road 2, Shenzhen 518029
Tel: 2262082
Telex: 420422 SLYH CN
Fax: 2263161
117 rooms
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, disco, billiard room, shopping arcade

Shangri-La Hotel Shenzhen
深圳香格里拉酒店

East side, railway station, Jianshe Road, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2230888 Fax: 2239878
Opened 1992
553 rooms and suites Rates: Standard HK$900, deluxe HK$1,050, suite HK$1,700/1,900 (all + 10%)
Located 38 km from airport, 170 m from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, 6 banquet rooms, 8 conference rooms, business centre, coffee shop, bar, nightclub, gym, sauna, massage, shopping arcade, swimming pool

Shen Tie Hotel
深鐵大酒店

63 Heping Road, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 5584248 Fax: 5561049
142 rooms

Shen Zhen Hotel
深圳酒店

156 Shennan Road East, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2238000 Fax: 2222284
131 rooms

Shenzhen Bay Hotel
深圳灣大酒店

Overseas Chinese Town, Shahe, Shenzhen 518053
Tel: 6600111 Telex: 420723 SBH CN
Fax: 6600139
GM: Chen Shihong
Opened October 1986
308 rooms and suites Rates: Double HK$550/590, suite HK$850
Located 23 km from airport, 13 km from railway station
Facilities: Swimming pool, 6 Chinese and Western restaurants, coffee shop, conference room, tennis courts, beauty salon, bar, karaoke, disco, gym

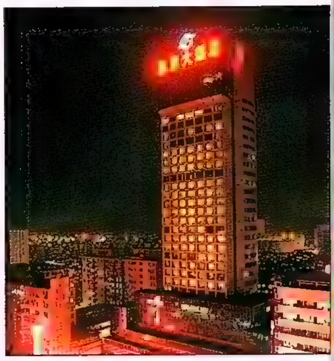
Shenzhen Continental Hotel
深圳洲際酒店

Shangbu Road North, Shenzhen 518029
Tel: 2263838
Telex: 420268 CSIEC CN
Fax: 2264139
GM: Brian Leong
Opened January 1993
220 rooms Rates: Standard HK$600, deluxe HK$750, suite HK$1,000-5,000
Located 50 km from airport, 4 km from railway station
Taxi fare to/from airport, HK$180; railway station, HK$35
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, conference rooms, business centre, shopping arcade, bar, sauna, beauty salon, nightclub, coffee shop, karaoke, gym

Shenzhen Empire Hotel
新王朝酒店

11 Aiguo Road, Luohu District, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 5523338 Fax: 5521108
150 rooms

Shenzhen Far East Grand Hotel
深圳遠東大酒店



104 Shennan Road East, Shenzhen 518002
Tel: 2205369
Telex: 420287 SHITC CN
Fax: 2200239
288 rooms Rates: Single HK$380, double HK$460/490, suite HK$580-2,680
Located in the city centre, 32 km from airport, 3 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, massage, beauty salon, bar, coffee shop

Shenzhen Foodstuff Building — Fengyuan Hotel
深圳糧食大廈 – 豐園大酒店

548 Nanfang, Hubei Road, Dongmen, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2253988, 2253268
124 rooms Rates: Standard HK$200-280
Located 25 km from airport, 1 km from railway station
Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, conference rooms, karaoke, bar, shopping arcade, beauty salon

Shenzhen Friendship Hotel
深圳市友誼酒店

3 Jiabin Road, Shenzhen 518001
Tel: 2238286
Telex: 420456 SZFCO CN
Fax: 2238008
GM: Liu Zhongzhi
Opened April 1982
200 rooms Rates: US$40
Located 40 km from airport, 1 km from railway station
Taxi fare to/from airport, FEC¥120
Facilities: Restaurants, conference rooms, business centre, beauty salon, coffee shop, dancing hall, shopping arcade

Shenzhen Heping Hotel

深圳市和平酒店

68 Chuanbu Street, Heping Road, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 5592111 Fax: 5578151

87 rooms Rates: Standard HK$260, suite HK$370

Located 30 km from airport, 500 m from railway station

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, coffee shop, beauty salon

Shenzhen Honey Lake Country Club

深圳香蜜湖度假村

Shennan Road West, Shenzhen 518034

Tel: 3305061, 3305043

Telex: 420418 SHLCC CN

Fax: 3305045

GM: Ma Weizhao

Opened January 1983

452 rooms Rates: US$35

Located 30 km from airport, 9 km from railway station

Taxi fare to/from airport, FEC¥80

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, shopping arcade, sauna, food street, billiard room, swimming pool, karaoke, bar, disco

Shenzhen International Hotel

深圳雅園賓館

Dongmen Road North, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 5505111, 5529622

Telex: 420299 SIHTL CN

Fax: 5530702

96 rooms and suites Rates: Standard HK$400, deluxe HK$450/900, suite HK$1,500

Located 10 minutes from railway station

Facilites: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, banquet rooms, billiard room, coffee shop, karaoke, bar

Shenzhen Kai Li Hotel

深圳凱利賓館

2 Jiabin Road East, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 2253270 Fax: 2202984

72 rooms Rates: Double Rmb¥168/208/228, suite Rmb¥298

Located 40 km from airport, 500 m from railway station

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, dancing hall, shopping arcade, business centre

Shenzhen Shanghai Hotel

深圳上海賓館

Huafu Road, Shennan Road Central, Shenzhen 518041

Tel: 3365292 Fax: 3365277

42 rooms and suites Rates: Single HK$180, standard HK$200, suite HK$430

Located 35 km from airport, 5 km from railway station

Facilities: Cantonese, Shanghai and Chaozhou restaurants, dancing hall

Shenzhen Universal Hotel

環宇大酒店

3 Hongling Road Central, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 5595024

Telex: 42046 SZUHT CN

Fax: 5595138

300 rooms Rates: Double HK$294-376, suite HK$810

Shiyan Lake Hot-Spring Holiday Country

石岩湖溫泉度假村

Gongming District, Bao'an, Shenzhen 518006

Tel: 7760143

373 rooms

Facilities: Hot-spring bath, massage, Chinese and Western restaurants, shopping arcade, horse-riding

Sichuan Hotel

四川賓館

17/F, Sichuan Building, Shangbu Road, Shenzhen 518031

Tel: 3362231

156 rooms Rates: Double HK$200, suite HK$490

Silver Lake Tourist Centre

深圳銀湖旅遊中心

Bijiashan, Yinhu Road, Shenzhen 518026

Tel: 2222827

Telex: 420280 SSLRH CN

Fax: 2242622

132 rooms and 32 suites

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, bar, disco, bowling, tennis courts, billiard room, sauna, shopping arcade, horse-riding

Sunshine Hotel, Shenzhen

深圳陽光酒店

1 Jiabin Road, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 2233888 Fax: 2226719

Opened 17 January 1991

309 rooms and suites Rates: Double HK$820, deluxe HK$980, suite HK$1,500-1,700

Located in the city centre, 35 km from airport, 1.5 km from railway station

Facilities: Chinese and Japanese restaurants, banquet room, business centre, conference room

Siu Mui Sha Hotel

小梅沙大酒店

Lesser Meisha Beach Recreation Centre, Shenzhen 518083

Tel: 5550000-5550009

Fax: 5550000-5554007

165 rooms Rates: Single FEC¥493, double FEC¥710, suite FEC¥1,150 (in July & August)

Located 60 km from airport, 29 km from railway station

Facilities: 7 restaurants, karaoke, banquet hall, dancing room, gym, beauty salon

Tai Shan Hotel

泰山大廈

56 Heping Road, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 5586000 Fax: 5588352

65 rooms

Tai Zi Hotel

太子賓館

45 Taizi Road, Shekou, Shenzhen 518067

Tel: 6691561

Telex: 420849 STECD CN

Fax: 6691560, 6692436

Opened 18 October 1983

85 rooms Rates: HK$220/250

Located 30 km from airport, 20 km from railway station

Facilities: Chinese restaurant, conference room, coffee shop, beauty salon, karaoke

The Great Wall Hotel

長城大酒店

4 Honggui Road, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 5583369 Fax: 5580424

GM: Wu Guohong

Opened 18 December 1991

142 rooms Rates: Double US$49/58, suite US$91-240 (all +10%)

Located 35 km from airport, 3 km from railway station

Taxi fare to/from airport, Rmb¥150; railway station Rmb¥15

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, business centre, coffee shop, dancing hall, beauty salon, bar, karaoke

The Pearl of Orient Hotel

東方明珠大酒店

2 Bao'an Road, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 5599992 Fax: 5565179

108 rooms

Wah Chung International Hotel

華中國際酒店

40 Renmin Road South, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 2238060 Fax: 2221439

177 rooms

West Lake Hotel

西湖賓館

1 Bao'an Road East, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 5586655

96 rooms

Xi Li Hotel

西麗大酒店

81 Shennan Road Central, Shenzhen 518031

Tel: 3364139 Fax: 3363988

210 rooms Rates: Standard HK$396/471, suite HK$867

Xili Lake Holiday Resort

西麗湖度假村

Xili Lake, Nantou, Shenzhen 518055

Tel: 6660022

Telex: 420702 XILAR CN

Fax: 6660521

GM: Yao Guanglin

Opened October 1979

600 rooms and suites Rates: US$50-250

Located 10 km from airport, 5 km from railway station

Taxi fare to/from airport, US$10; railway station US$1

Facilities: Chinese and Western restaurants, shopping arcade, business centre, disco, games room, horse-riding, swimming pool, karaoke, sauna, massage

Xin An Hotel

新安酒店

145 Jiefang Road, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 2222986 Fax: 2252898

133 rooms

Xing Hua Hotel

興華賓館

22 Shennan Road Central, Shenzhen 518031

Tel: 3350483

Telex: 420286 SHLIC CN

Fax: 3350587

177 rooms Rates: Double HK$230-300, suite HK$420

Ya Li Hotel

雅麗大酒店

47 Wenjin Road North, Shenzhen 518002

Tel: 2230000 Fax: 2254519

54 rooms

Yong An Hotel

永安大酒店

13 Hongling Road Central, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 5592570 Fax: 5593390

75 rooms

Yun Peng Hotel

雲鵬大酒店

Block 3, Hongling Building, Shenzhen 518030

Tel: 2242968-3004

68 rooms

Zhong Yuan Hotel

中原賓館

Jiabin Road West, Shenzhen 518001

Tel: 5586775

Telex: 420466 SZCTC CN Fax: 5586772

96 rooms Rates: Double HK$242/286, suite HK$363

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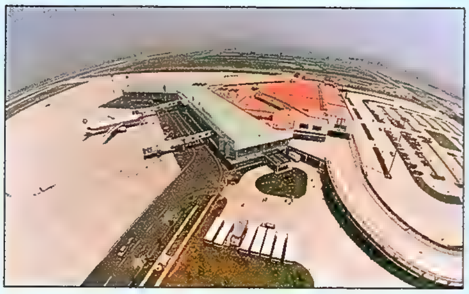
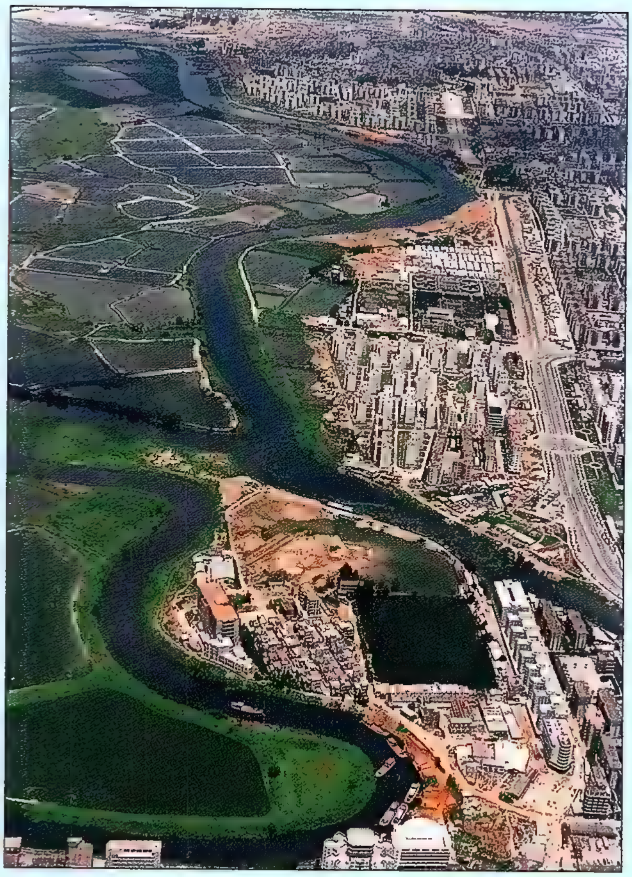
A Golden Gateway to China



▲ Shekou, the first maritime gateway built in Shenzhen, can accommodate 50000-ton container ships.

▶ The new airport in Shenzhen will be open to international flights in the nearest future.



This winding Shenzhen River is a natural border.

Shenzhen set up its first border station in 1887, when it had only a small railway station and a wooden bridge. Over one hundred years have elapsed since then and the number of entry points has greatly increased. Shenzhen now has ports of entry from land, air and sea.

By land, one can reach Shenzhen either via Luohu, Wenjindu, Huanggang or Shatoujiao. By sea, Shekou, Chiwan, Dongjiaotou and Mawan all have ports, and another at Yantian is still under construction. Recently a new airport has been built and opened to air traffic, and Shenzhen also has six highway entrances for internal traffic.

Border Stations on Land

The earliest gateway to Shenzhen was at Luohu, which now has a large and spacious customs building. With the largest volume of inbound and outbound passengers in China, it gets busier and busier all the time. In the customs house there are 17 customs passages bustling with activity from morning to night all year round. During festivals and holidays, especially around the Lunar New Year holiday, passengers have to stand in long queues and wait for three to four hours to pass through customs formalities.

In recent years, as trade and commerce between Shenzhen and Hong Kong continue to grow, the increasing highway cargo traffic has put a great burden on the Wenjindu border station. It is common to see cargo trucks waiting in a line several kilometres long. Therefore it is imperative for the city to improve its highway border services here in particular.

After three years of construction, the Huanggang Customs Station is now open, and is the largest entry point in China for both passengers and cargo. Every day over 20,000 passengers and vehicles pass through this gateway. The Huanggang Customs Station is located on the banks of the Shenzhen River, opposite to Lok Ma Chau in Hong Kong over the river. What used to be land overrun with reeds is now a major transport hub. A new system of special lanes for cars and trucks means that traffic can pass across the border more smoothly. A customs house designed in traditional Chinese style stands majestically heralding the arrival and departure of countless visitors.

Shatoujiao's Sino-British Street was opened ten years ago, and since then investments from both China and Hong Kong have poured in to renovate the street and construct new shops. Tourists have begun to flock to this special gateway in recent years, due to its "open border" area.

Located in the town of Shatoujiao 17 kilometres away from the city proper of Shenzhen, Sino-British Street is 250 metres long, with border markers for China and Hong Kong right in the middle. The street is densely lined with all kinds of shops selling goods from the mainland and Hong Kong. Since there is a wide variety of products at low prices and tourists from both sides need not go through frontier formalities, the street is busy with activity all year round. It is a must for visitors from inland to come here, get a glimpse of Hong Kong and buy a product imported from the territory.

For passengers coming to Shenzhen from the interior of China, six gateways, including Nantou, Shawan and Baimang have been set up to facilitate the overflow of passengers. The passengers and cars only need show their entrance permits at the gates.

Shenzhen's Ports Expanding

Shekou Port was the first maritime gateway to be built in Shenzhen. Located at the southern tip of the peninsula at the mouth of the Zhujiang River, it is separated from Lau Fau Shan in Hong Kong by a strip of water only 10 kilometres wide.

The port, equipped with two container berths, can accommodate 50,000-ton container ships. Five million containers pass through this port every year, along with passenger liners bound for Hong Kong, Macau, Zhuhai and Guangzhou. At present, the port receives nearly 100 passenger liners and a total of about 10,000 passengers every day.

The port of Yantian, much larger than Shekou Port, is partially open but still under construction. Located at Dapeng Bay and separated by the sea from Kowloon Peninsula, Yantian Port stretches from Jiujingkou in the west to Zhengjiaozui in the east, 13 kilometres from Fanling and 53 sea miles from Hong Kong.

Deep, siltless and with few waves, Dapeng Bay is an excellent natural port for accommodating large-scale ocean-going ships. Destined to become one of China's major deep-water international transit ports, Yantian has three berths open to foreign ships at present.

One of China's Largest Airports

Shenzhen Airport is constructed on hilly terrain on the east bank of the Zhujiang River, 32 kilometres away from the city of Shenzhen. The airport has two independent runways, able to accommodate both international passenger flights and cargo planes. Over 30 airlines have already been set up, and international airlines will be operating within the year.

Land and maritime transport are both convenient for reaching Shenzhen Airport: a highway from Guangzhou to Shenzhen and a superhighway linking Shenzhen, Zhuhai and Guangzhou both pass by the airport. The superhighway has opened two entrances to the south and north of the airport for traffic from Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

To the north of the airport along the coast is a passenger wharf, thus visitors from Hong Kong, Macau, Zhongshan and Guangzhou can also travel by hydrofoil to Shenzhen, and then easily catch a plane.

Shenzhen is regarded by many as a "Golden Gateway" to China. Commodities either exported to or imported from outside that pass through Shenzhen's gateways are estimated to account for about 80 per cent of the country's total. The importation of goods means money. The more goods that are imported, the more money they bring in, therefore Shenzhen truly is a Golden Gateway.

It is estimated that about 40 million passengers pass through Shenzhen every year. More than half of all visitors entering China stay in Shenzhen, stimulating the development of hotels, restaurants, tourist sites and shopping centres. Their high expenditures and investments bring more money to Shenzhen every day, ensuring the city's continued prosperity for many years to come.

Translated by Gu Weizhou

Luo Zhongyao

Cultural Facilities in Shenzhen

These days, Shenzhen has more entertainment facilities than ever before, with a current total of 150 song-and-dance halls, 200 karaoke bars, over 70 game rooms and nearly 20 amusement parks. Besides these types of entertainment, however, there are also many other cultural venues and activities available. Some of them are listed below.

Shenzhen Library Situated in the northwest corner of Lizhi Park, the architecture of this library is a blend of traditional and modern styles. Inside is a garden where one can relax and enjoy the peace and serenity of the surroundings. In the building are 800 seats for readers, plus an audio-visual room and language laboratory. It is the first library in China to be completely computerized, and holds a total of 500,000 books.

Shenzhen Grand Theatre Located at the intersection of Shennan Avenue and Hongling Road, the Shenzhen Grand Theatre has been open since 1989. Since then, it has hosted many performances by both domestic and foreign troupes from countries such as the United States, Russia, Britain, Austria and Korea. The Central Ballet of China has also given performances here.

Shenzhen Museum The Shenzhen Museum at Shennan Road Central offers a wide variety of exhibits, on topics such as history, cultural relics, technology, humanities and natural science. This comprehensive and multi-purpose museum also has exhibits on "Shenzhen Today" and "Shenzhen in the Past", outlining the city's evolution.

The Youth Activity Centre Situated on Hongli Road, this centre is under the direction of the Shenzhen Municipal League Association. It is a non-profit amusement facility where people can come and have fun or just relax.

More Theatres, Cinemas and Recreational Places in Shenzhen

Name	Address	Telephone
Dong Shen Club	Aiguo Road	—
Feng Huang Cinema	Fenghuang Road	5532984
South China Film & Entertainment Centre	Jiabin Road	2201250
Ren Min Cinema	Renmin Road Central	2222699
Shen Zhen Cinema	1 Xinyuan Road	2239604
Shen Zhen Grand Theatre	1 Hongling Road Central	5596044
Da Jia Le Cinema	Hongli Road	2243035
Music Hall of the Art School	Shangbu Road Central	3348076
Shen Zhen Meeting Hall	Shangbu Road Central	2241673
Art Centre	Huaqiang Road	3351043
Sha Tou Jiao Cinema	Shatoujiao Town	5550647
Nan Tou Cinema	Nanxin Road, Nantou District	6660451
She Kou Club	Kangle Road, Shekou Industrial District	6693779

Shenzhen Gym The Shenzhen Gym, constructed in the shape of a funnel, is located at the northern end of Shangbu Road and has a total seating capacity of 6,000 people. Some of Shenzhen's most prominent athletic activities have taken place here, such as the Eighth Asian Table Tennis Championships and the Fourth Lishi Cup Body-Building Competition.

South China Film & Entertainment Centre Found in Luohu's busy shopping district, this is a comprehensive entertainment facility. It has two cinemas, a hotel, a roller-skating rink, a music and tea room, Chinese and Western restaurants, and its own market as well.

Shenzhen Art Gallery This museum is located inside the Donghu (East Lake) Park, and has an excellent collection of fine arts. Both Chinese and foreign art exhibitions and academic exchanges are frequently held.

International Cinematography Museum Early next year the new Sino-American Nanshan International Cinematography Museum will open in the Nanshan District of Shenzhen. The museum will cover an area of 17,700 square metres and will require a total investment of US$29 million. The museum will include a wax museum of famous film and video stars, a movie screening room, a hall for showing old films, a high-tech film studio and more. The museum will combine travel, history, culture, art appreciation and film production techniques, the first of its kind in Asia. Ground-breaking has already begun, and construction should be completed by April of next year.

More to Do in Shenzhen...

Visit an Active Buddhist Temple

Hongfa Temple is Shenzhen's most famous Buddist temple, and has been open to the public as a place for Buddhist activities since 1990. Located in the Xianhu (Fairy Lake) Botanical Garden in Shenzhen's eastern suburbs, the temple was built in 1985 and is managed by the Buddhist Association of China. It is an ideal place to study meditation and learn about Buddhism, or one can just visit the beautiful temple and enjoy the tranquil atmosphere of the surrounding area.

The temple complex includes a pavilion for storing sutras, several different halls and both bell and drum towers. There is also a meditation hall, a Goddess of Mercy (Guanyin) Hall and a statue of Sakyamuni Buddha inside the main hall. The architecture and design of the complex, with its double-eaved roofs and yellow walls and tiles, is both elegant and simple.

Being under the direction of the Buddhist Association of China and with the support of the local government, the temple should continue to flourish as a centre for propagating Buddhism and strengthening ties with Buddhists from Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. Currently over ten monks live at the temple, most graduates of Buddhist colleges who have the religious knowledge and skills to undertake this important task.

Or Attend the Annual Lichee Festival

Shenzhen is one of Guangdong's most important lichee-producing areas, with its Nanshan lichees being particularly well known. In fact, Shenzhen's city tree is the lichee, and there are over 6,500 hectares of land in Shenzhen given over to lichee production.

In honour of this local product, Shenzhen has an annual Lichee Festival, held every year from June 28 to July 8 in Lizhi Park. Besides being able to taste some of Shenzhen's delicious lichees, the festival will also include various cultural programmes, trade discussions, fine arts and calligraphy exhibitions, a film week and more. The park will be full of activity at this time, with all kinds of professional and amateur theatrical troupes giving outdoor performances, plus art and culture exhibits on view at the library and in the square of the Grand Theatre.

Special Foods of Shenzhen

Nanshan (South Hills) lichees In Shenzhen, lichees are grown in the districts of Nantou, Xixiang and Gongming. Of these, the lichees from the South Hills of the Nantou District are the best, with a sweet, juicy flesh. Every year visitors from Hong Kong, Macau and abroad come here especially to try this delicious fruit.

South Hills sweet peaches Grown principally in the villages of Nantou District, the peaches here are the size of a rice bowl, and sometimes weigh as much as half a kilo. The meat of the fruit is sweet, crispy and juicy.

Pingshan Golden Turtle oranges A product from the Pingshan Golden Turtle mountain region, these oranges are a golden colour with a sweet, refreshing juice.

Shiyan pears This type of pear is produced in the districts of Shiyan, Longhua, Guanlan, Buji and Shahe, but the best are from Shiyan. Shiyan pears are large, with a thin skin and crispy flesh.

Shiyan persimmons Also from Shiyan, these persimmons are divided into several types, such as square persimmons, round persimmons, *Heluo* persimmons and others. They have a dark, yet translucent, red colour and are a favourite among visitors to the region.

Shajing oysters Cultivated along the coast of Guangdong Province, these oysters are rich in protein and famed for their white and tender meat.

Dapeng abalone This shellfish is found along the sea cliffs at Dapeng Bay, which makes them rather difficult to collect. With a delicious taste, they are considered the best of all the seafood in the region.

Longgang chicken Raised in Longgang District, this chicken is known for its large size and tender, white meat.

Shenzhen Yunpian cake This sweet, crisp sliced cake has been a traditional local snack since the 1930s, when people passing through Shenzhen would bring the cakes to their friends and relatives as presents.

Major Food Streets in Shenzhen

Name	Address
Food Street (Huishijie)	Nantang Street, Remin Road South
Fu Tian Food Street	Futian Road
Ba Gua Food Street	2 Bagua Road, Sungang Road
Shang Bu Food Street	Shangbu Road South
Jiabin Road Food Street	Jiabin Road

Major Food Stalls in Shenzhen

Name	Address
Ri Yue Hua	East of Lizhi Park, Hongling Road
Ying Chun Lu	Yingchun Road South
Cheng Du Restaurant	At the western end of Heping Road
Hua Long	28 Dongmen Road Central

Train Schedules
Shaoguan — Shenzhen

11 Tourist	Train No. / Station	12 Tourist
16:40	**Shaoguan**	15:58
18:00	**Yingde**	14:43
20:15	**Guangzhou**	12:35
22:14	**Shenzhen**	10:00

Train Schedules
Zhaoqing — Shenzhen

13/16 Tourist	Train No. / Station	14/15 Tourist
14:44	**Zhaoqing**	13:48
16:03	**Sansui**	12:47
16:39	**Foshan**	12:15
17:30	**Guangzhou**	11:27
19:29	**Shenzhen**	09:00

Major Restaurants in Shenzhen

Name	Address	Telephone	Specialities
Pan Xi Restaurant	33 Jianshe Road	2238081	Guangdong dishes
Xin An Restaurant	145 Jiefang Road (38 Yongxin Street)	2222986 –168	Guangdong dishes
New Town Restaurant	156 Shennan Road East	2238163	Guangdong dishes
Hong Kong Restaurant	Shenzhen International Arcade Building, Jiabin Road	2239159	Guangdong dishes
Apricot Flower Village Restaurant	Block 2, Tongjian Building, Shennan Road Central	3366247	Shanxi dishes
Yatai Restaurant	Sungang Road	5595803	Cantonese food & Korean barbecue
North China Flavour Restaurant	45 Jianshe Road	2238258	Cantonese & northern Chinese cuisines
Jin Chuan Restaurant	15 Leyuan Road	2224942	Sichuan cuisine
Chao Jiang Chun (Chiuchow Restaurant)	2/F, Sunshine Hotel, Jiabin Road	2259304	Chaozhou food
Carrianna Chiu Chow Restaurant	2/F, Hotel Oriental Regent, Hongling Road South	2247506	Chaozhou food
Game & Seafood Restaurant of Shenzhen Reservoir Mountain Village	Inside the East Lake Park	5532144	Guangdong cuisine & seafood
Cheng Du Restaurant	144 Jiefang Road	5572645	Sichuan food
Li Hua Yuan Restaurant	2/F, Shanglinyuan Hotel, Bagualing	2262082	Korean food
Jin Tian Chaozhou Restaurant	45 Bao'an Road South	2202072	Chaozhou food
McDonald's	Jiefang Road/Shennan Road Central	2232499	Hamburgers
Gourmet City	Youyi Road (underground)	–	Fast food, snacks & various dishes
Fairwood Fast Food Restaurant	Jiefang Road/Heping Road	–	Chinese fast food
Royal Pizza	78 Jiefang Road	2238425	Italian pizza
Zhongyuan Restaurant	Jiabin Road West	5586775	Beijing dishes
Lüyangcun Restaurant	Shennan Road East	2203264	Shanghai dishes
Moslem Hotel Restaurant	Wenjin Road	2220469	Moslem food
Kongshantang	58 Yijiang Road	5523087	Shandong dishes
Royal Recreational City Hakka Restaurant	Futian Building, Shennan Road Central	3356992	Hakka dishes
Taiwan Restaurant	Hongli Road	3352400	Taiwanese food
Douhuacun Restaurant	Inside the East Lake Park	–	Sichuan dishes & snacks
Lao Da Chang Restaurant	1-2/F, Futian Building, Shennan Road Central	–	Shanghai food
Vietnamese Restaurant	Renmin Road South	–	Vietnamese dishes
Japanese Restaurant	2-3/F, Guangdong Hotel, Shennan Road East	–	Japanese food
International Fu Hao Restaurant	1 Shennan Road East	–	Korean, German & Western food
Regent Seafood Shark's Fin Restaurant	Inside the Hotel Oriental Regent, Hongling Road South	2247000	Guangdong dishes
Guomao Revolving Restaurant	53/F, International Trade Centre Building, Renmin Road South	2251464	Morning tea, Cantonese dishes
Chongqinglou Restaurant	3/F, Beifang Building, Shennan Road Central	3357015	Sichuan dishes
Sichuan Restaurant	2/F, Sichuan Building, Hongli Road	3353824	Sichuan dishes
Yuanye Restaurant	1/F, Yuanye Building, Hongling Road South	2248083	Sichuan dishes

Train Schedules
Guangzhou — Shenzhen

S59 F.T.	S57 F.T.	S55 F.T.	S53 F.T.	S51 F.T.	S19 Exp.	S17 Exp.	S15 Exp.	S13 Exp.	S11 Exp.	S9 Exp.	S7 Exp.	S5 Exp.	S3 Exp.	S1 Exp.	Train No. / Station	S2 Exp.	S4 Exp.	S6 Exp.	S8 Exp.	S10 Exp.	S12 Exp.	S14 Exp.	S16 Exp.	S18 Exp.	S20 Exp.	S52 F.T.	S54 F.T.	S56 F.T.	S58 F.T.
			07:25	06:00	19:32	15:12	14:15		13:10	11:02	10.22	08:52	08:05	06:40	**Guangzhou**	10:09	13:29		15:34	16:21	12:24	18:08	18:59	21:54	22.39	09:01			14:29
15:42	11:38	09:10	—	—	—	—	—	13:42	—	—	—	—	08:26	—	**Guangzhou East**	—	—	14:42	—	—	—	17.56	—	—	—	—	09:45	12:59	—
16:42	12:38	10:05	08:26	07:00	—	—	—	14:40	—	—	—	—	—	—	**Shilong**	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	07:45	08:54	12:08	—
17:16	13:15	10:42	08:59	07:34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	**Zhangmutou**	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	08:10	11:33	—
17:59	13:58	11:25	09:42	08.17	21:31	17:11	16:14	15:48	15:09	13:01	12:23	10:51	10:28	08:39	**Shenzhen**	08:10	11:30	12:50	13:35	14:22	10:25	15:50	17:00	19:55	20:40	06:20	07:15	10:42	12:08

S — Shenzhen
Exp. — Express
F.T. — Fast through passenger train

Climatic Conditions in Shenzhen

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Average Temperature (°C)	14.1	15.0	18.4	22.2	25.7	27.3	28.2	27.8	26.6	23.7	19.7	15.9
Max. Temperature (°C)	28.4	29.0	30.7	33.2	35.8	35.3	38.7	36.7	36.6	33.6	32.7	29.8
Min. Temperature (°C)	0.9	0.2	4.8	8.7	14.8	19.0	20.0	21.1	16.9	11.7	4.9	1.7
Average Rainfall (mm)	27.2	43.0	58.1	133.3	247.3	326.6	327.4	346.0	268.8	96.2	35.9	23.5
Average No. of Rainy Days	7.0	9.1	11.0	11.6	15.6	19.8	18.0	18.8	15.5	7.9	5.3	5.1

Flights to and from Shenzhen (I)

Route	Days of Week	Dep.	Arr.	Flight No.
Beihai — Shenzhen	7	17:50	18:50	CZ3962
	2 3 5 6	13:45	15:20	CZ3952
Shenzhen — Beihai	7	08:00	09:00	CZ3961
	2 3 5 6	11:40	13:15	CZ3951
Changsha — Shenzhen	1 3	16:45	18:05	CZ3389
	4 6	14:05	15:10	XO9303
Shenzhen — Changsha	1 3	18:50	20:10	CZ3390
	4 6	16:15	17:25	XO9304
Chengdu — Shenzhen	1	19:20	21:30	CZ3454
	4	07:35	09:45	3U303
	6	19:15	21:30	CZ3454
	2 7	09:10	11:05	3U301
	1 3 5 7	16:10	18:20	SZ4313
Shenzhen — Chengdu	4	10:35	12:45	3U304
	1 6	16:10	18:20	CZ3453
	2 7	17:40	19:50	3U302
	1 3 5 7	19:00	21:10	SZ4314
Chongqing — Shenzhen	4	15:35	17:30	CZ3456
	2 7	14:40	16:50	3U381
	2 4 7	07:05	09:05	SZ4343
Shenzhen — Chongqing	4	12:50	14:45	CZ3455
	2 7	11:45	13:55	3U382
	2 4 7	09:55	12:15	SZ4344
Fuzhou — Shenzhen	4	20:50	22:10	CZ3562
	1 5	16:05	17:25	CJ6588
	2 7	13:50	15:20	MU5397
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	18:35	19:55	MF8317
Shenzhen — Fuzhou	4	18:30	19:50	CZ3561
	1 5	13:55	15:15	CJ6587
	2 7	11:55	13:10	MU5398
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	16:25	17:45	MF8318
Guilin — Shenzhen	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	21:00	22:00	CZ3958
Shenzhen — Guilin	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	15:05	16:05	CZ3957
Guiyang — Shenzhen	1	15:45	17:25	CZ3458
	4 7	14:20	16:00	SZ4363
Shenzhen — Guiyang	1	13:05	14:45	CZ3457
	4 7	16:50	18:40	SZ4364
Haikou — Shenzhen	2 5	19:50	21:00	CZ3956
	4 6	12:35	13:30	CZ3943
Shenzhen — Haikou	2 5	14:10	15:20	CZ3955
	4 6	14:25	15:25	CZ3944
Hangzhou — Shenzhen	2 4 5 7	18:40	20:30	CZ3556
Shenzhen — Hangzhou	2 4 5 7	15:55	17:45	CZ3555
Hengyang — Shenzhen	4 7	13:50	15:30	CZ3954
Shenzhen — Hengyang	4 7	11:40	13:20	CZ3953
Huangshan — Shenzhen	4	15:20	17:20	MU5335
	1 3	20:30	22:20	CZ3564
Shenzhen — Huangshan	4	18:00	19:45	MU5336
	1 3	17:50	19:40	CZ3563
Kunming — Shenzhen	2 7	16:45	18:25	3Q4395
	3 6	14:40	16:30	SZ4373
	3 6	19:40	21:40	CZ3460
	4 5	17:10	18:50	3Q4393
Shenzhen — Kunming	2 7	19:15	21:05	3Q4396
	3 6	17:20	19:30	SZ4374
	3 6	16:50	18:50	CZ3459
	4 5	19:40	21:30	3Q4394
Meixian — Shenzhen	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	09:55	11:00	CZ3964
Shenzhen — Meixian	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	08:20	09:25	CZ3963
Nanchang — Shenzhen	4 7	08:50	10:20	MU5353
Shenzhen — Nanchang	4 7	11:20	13:00	MU5354
Nanjing — Shenzhen	4	10:30	12:55	CJ6331
	2 5	10:55	13:00	CZ3560
Shenzhen — Nanjing	4	13:55	16:10	CJ6332
	2 5	07:50	09:55	CZ3559
Nanning — Shenzhen	1 4 7	13:55	15:40	CZ3984
Shenzhen — Nanning	1 4 7	08:00	09:45	CZ3983
Ningbo — Shenzhen	1	10:30	12:20	CZ3552
	3	12:20	14:30	CJ6315
Shenzhen — Ningbo	1	07:50	09:40	CZ3551
	3	15:20	17:20	CJ6316
Sanya — Shenzhen	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	16:00	18:10	CZ3990
Shenzhen — Sanya	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	07:50	10:00	CZ3989
Shanghai — Shenzhen	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	11:35	13:40	CZ3554
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	07:50	09:50	MU5367
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	07:15	09:30	SF373
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	15:50	18:00	SF375
Shenzhen — Shanghai	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	08:30	10:30	CZ3553
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	11:00	12:55	MU5368
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	10:20	12:30	SF374
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	18:55	21:10	SF376
Shantou — Shenzhen	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	20:20	21:20	CZ3960
Shenzhen — Shantou	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	18:50	19:50	CZ3959
Wenzhou — Shenzhen	1	11:55	13:40	CJ6329
	4	10:20	12:00	CZ3568
	4	14:40	16:40	GP7356
	6	14:55	16:40	CJ6590
Shenzhen — Wenzhou	1	13:50	16:00	CJ6330
	4	07:50	09:30	CZ3567
	4	12:00	14:00	GP7355
	6	12:30	14:05	CJ6589
Wuhan — Shenzhen	7	18:15	19:50	CZ3991
	1 2 4	13:10	14:50	CZ3355
Shenzhen — Wuhan	7	20:45	22:25	CZ3992
	1 2 4	16:00	17:30	CZ3356
Xiamen — Shenzhen	3 7	10:45	12:05	MU5393
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	14:35	15:45	MF8315
Shenzhen — Xiamen	3 7	12:55	14:10	MU5394
	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	20:50	21:50	MF8316
Xi'an — Shenzhen	7	18:35	21:05	CZ3252
	1 3	08:15	10:35	WH2331
	2 5	08:15	10:35	WH2325
Shenzhen — Xi'an	7	15:25	17:45	CZ3251
	1 3	19:40	22:10	WH2332
	2 5	11:25	13:45	WH2326
Zhanjiang — Shenzhen	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	18:05	19:20	CZ3968
Shenzhen — Zhanjiang	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	16:20	17:35	CZ3967
Zhengzhou — Shenzhen	2 7	09:55	11:50	CZ3966
Shenzhen — Zhengzhou	2 7	07:10	09:05	CZ3965

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Train Schedules
Guangzhou — Shenzhen

543 O.	501 O.	201 F.T.	S63 F.T.	S61 F.T.	Train No. Station	S62 F.T.	S64 F.T.	202 F.T.	502 O.	544 O.
	09:12	17:15		16:30	**Guangzhou**	20:06	21:26	23:19	23:09	
06:18	09:35	—	18:30	—	**Guangzhou East**	—	—	—	22:57	19:27
06:37	10:04	—	—	—	**Xiayuan**	—	—	—	22:25	19:07
06:59	11:11	—	18:57	—	**Xiancun**	—	—	—	21:32	18:46
07:12	11:27	—	19:10	—	**Shitan**	—	—	—	21:16	18:32
07:43	12:04	18:40	19:30	—	**Shilong**	19:08	20:28	—	20:38	17:46
08:00	12:28	—	—	17:38	**Hengli**	—	—	—	20:12	17:26
08:10	12:37	—	—	17:48	**Changping**	—	—	—	19:46	17:16
08:50	12:59	19:28	20:06	—	**Zhangmutou**	18:33	19:48	—	19:10	—
09:44	14:43	—	—	—	**Buji**	—	—	—	17:41	—
09:58	14:57	20:11	20:49	18:58	**Shenzhen**	17:50	19:05	21:20	17:22	16:25

S — Shenzhen

F.T. — Fast through passenger train

O. — Ordinary passenger train

Train Schedules
Changsha — Shenzhen

57 Exp.	Train No. Station	58 Exp.
17:57	**Changsha**	09:05
19:04	**Zhuzhou**	07:40
21:22	**Hengyang**	05:30
23:57	**Chenzhou**	02:56
02:48	**Shaoguan**	00:16
04:06	**Yingde**	—
07:15	**Guangzhou**	20:55
09:15	**Shenzhen**	18:25

Exp. — Express

Flights to and from Shenzhen (II)

Route	Days of Week	Dep.	Arr.	Flight No.
Beijing — Shenzhen	4	08:15	11:15	CZ3156
	6	10:45	13:35	CA1391
	6	18:05	21:15	CZ3154
	1 4	15:20	18:05	CA1339
	3 6	15:55	18:55	CZ3158
	5 6	14:40	17:25	CA1307
	2 3 7	14:40	17:20	CA1303
	1 3 4 6 7	11:45	14:45	CZ3152
	1 2 3 5 6 7	19:00	21:50	CA1305
Shenzhen — Beijing	1	19:20	22:10	CA1340
	2	17:50	20:55	CZ3155
	2	07:10	10:00	CA1380
	4	19:10	22:05	CA1368
	5	08:00	10:50	CZ3153
	6	15:15	18:00	CA1392
	7	08:45	11:25	CA1370
	2 5	08:20	11:20	CZ3157
	5 6	18:40	21:30	CA1308
	2 3 7	18:35	21:30	CA1304
	1 3 4 6	08:30	11:20	CA1306
	1 3 4 6 7	08:00	10:50	CZ3151
Changchun — Shenzhen	4 7	13:00	17:25	CJ6357
Shenzhen — Changchun	4 7	18:35	22:45	CJ6358
Dalian — Shenzhen	1	09:00	13:40	CJ6329
	3	12:00	15:20	CZ3656
	4	08:20	12:55	CJ6331
	2 5	09:30	13:05	CJ6327
Shenzhen — Dalian	1	13:50	18:35	CJ6330
	3	08:05	11:20	CZ3655
	4	13:55	18:20	CJ6332
	2 5	14:05	17:30	CJ6328
Harbin — Shenzhen	2	08:20	14:35	CJ6371
	4 7	08:10	14:10	CJ6365
Shenzhen — Harbin	2	15:25	21:05	CJ6372
	4 7	15:00	20:35	CJ6366
Hefei — Shenzhen	4	20:30	22:20	CZ3566
	6	13:30	15:30	MF8351
	3 7	18:05	20:05	MU5325
Shenzhen — Hefei	4	17:50	19:40	CZ3565
	6	16:20	18:20	MF8352
	3 7	20:45	22:35	MU5326
Jinan — Shenzhen	2	11:45	14:35	CJ6371
	2	19:20	22:00	CZ3570
Shenzhen — Jinan	2	15:25	18:05	CJ6372
	2	15:50	18:30	CZ3569
Lanzhou — Shenzhen	1 3	15:25	18:30	WH2337
Shenzhen — Lanzhou	1 3	11:20	14:35	WH2338
Luoyang — Shenzhen	1 4	20:30	22:40	CZ3986
Shenzhen — Luoyang	1 4	11:20	13:30	CZ3985
Qingdao — Shenzhen	1 5	18:50	21:40	CZ3558
	2 7	08:00	10:45	MU5351
Shenzhen — Qingdao	1 5	15:10	17:50	CZ3557
	2 7	15:50	18:50	MU5352
Shenyang — Shenzhen	3	08:50	14:30	CJ6315
	1 4	13:10	16:50	CZ3652
	1 5	09:20	13:25	CJ6311
	2 6 7	07:45	11:55	CJ6309
Shenzhen — Shenyang	3	15:20	20:25	CJ6316
	6	17:15	21:00	CJ6314
	1 4	08:30	12:10	CZ3651
	1 5	18:30	22:15	CJ6312
	2 7	12:55	16:40	CJ6310
Taiyuan — Shenzhen	1	08:00	11:10	GP7309
	4	08:00	11:05	GP7307
Shenzhen — Taiyuan	1	12:00	15:00	GP7310
	4	17:15	20:20	GP7308
Tianjin — Shenzhen	4	15:25	18:20	CA1377
	7	10:40	13:20	CZ3160
	2 6	15:25	18:25	CA1319
Shenzhen — Tianjin	4	19:10	22:10	CA1378
	7	07:10	09:50	CZ3159
	2 6	19:15	22:10	CA1320
Urümqi — Shenzhen	4 6	09:05	15:10	XO9303
Shenzhen — Urümqi	4 6	16:15	22:55	XO9304
Yantai — Shenzhen	4 7	10:50	14:10	CJ6365
Shenzhen — Yantai	4 7	15:00	18:00	CJ6366

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Major Shops in Shenzhen

Name	Address	Telephone
Duty-Free Goods Enterprise Company Department Store	Block B, International Trade Centre Building, Renmin Road South	2252107
Duty-Free Goods Enterprise Company Department Store No.1 Branch	3 Hongbao Road (underground)	5599937
Duty-Free Goods Enterprise Company Department Store No.2 Branch	Grand Skylight Hotel, 68 Shennan Road Central	3358677
Huan Qiu Business Centre	East Block, International Arcade Building, Renmin Road South	2258437
San Jia Dian Shopping Centre	San Jia Dian, Shatoujiao	5550572
Oriental Regent Shopping Centre	Monetary Centre Building, Hongling Road South	2247000 -5268
South China Shopping Centre	Nanguo Cinema, Jiabin Road	2252466 -103
Friendship Arcade	3 Jiabin Road	2227104
Shen Zhen International Arcade	North Block, International Arcade Building, Renmin Road South	2239071
Tian Hong Arcade	Futian Road	3355930
Dajiangnan Shopping Centre	Dongmen Road	2236673
China Resources Shopping Centre	Bao'an Road South	5566882
Park'N Shop	Taizi Road	6681436
Xiangyun Chinese Goods Department Store	Youyi Road	2228174
Wanjia Department Store	Youyi Road	2206680
Xinghua Light Industrial Shopping Centre	22 Shennan Road Central	3341840
Shenzhen Science & Technology Market	Huaken Building, Shennan Road Central	3348356 3364186
7-Eleven	Xinyuan Road/Dongmen Road Central/Hubei Road/Huaqiang Road South/Shatoujiao	—

Major Tourist Handicraft Shops in Shenzhen

Name	Address
Shenzhen Yihua Gifts Centre	Huaqiang Road South
Shenzhen Mangrove Tourist Arts & Crafts Shop	Lobby of the Far East Grand Hotel, 104 Shenzhen Road East
Overseas Chinese Association Duty-Free Shop	Next to the Overseas Chinese Hotel, 68 Heping Road
Shenzhen Pok Art Co. Ltd.	Jiefang Road
Shenzhen China International Travel Service Shop	1/F, Huacheng City, Jiefang Road

Major Souvenir Shops in Shenzhen

Name	Address
Dong Fang Small Articles Market	1-2/F, 136 Shennan Road East
Nan Yang Small Articles Market	1-2/F, Nanyang Building, Jianshe Road
Renminqiao Bridge Small Articles Market	Jiefang Road West
Grand Theatre Small Articles Market	G/F, Shenzhen Grand Theatre, Shennan Road Central
Yuan Ling Small Articles Market	Yuan Ling residential quarters
Chun Feng Road Small Articles Market	Chunfeng Road (behind the South China Film & Entertainment Centre)
Fu Tian Small Articles Market	Futian Road

Transportation to Shenzhen's Tourist Spots

Name	Address	Transport
China Folk Culture Villages	Overseas Chinese Town	Public bus No. 4/23 or mini-bus
Splendid China	Overseas Chinese Town	Public bus No. 4/23 or mini-bus
Xianhu Botanical Garden	Liantang	Public No. 20 or mini-bus
Lesser Meisha Beach Recreation Centre	On the Lesser Meisha Beach	Tourist mini-bus
Honey Lake Country Club	Shennan Avenue	Public bus No. 4/15/23 or mini-bus
Xili Lake Holiday Resort	Nanshan District	Tourist bus or mini-bus No. 34/35
Shiyan Lake Hot-Spring Holiday Country	Shiyan Town	Tourist bus
Silver Lake Tourist Centre	Bijia Mountain	Mini-bus No. 5/15 or tourist bus
Dongfang Shenqu Recreation Centre	Inside the East Lake Park	Mini-bus towards Shatoujiao
Sea World	Shekou	Public bus No. 4 or mini-bus
Sino-British Street in Shatoujiao	Shatoujiao	Public bus No. 5 or Futian/Dongmen — Shatoujiao bus
Window on the World	West of Overseas Chinese Town	Tourist bus or bus No. 4/23
Xichong Holiday Country	Dapeng Bay	Tourist bus

Lianyungang's Airport Expanded

Expansion work on the airport in the city of Lianyungang, on the coast of Jiangsu Province, will be completed in September of this year. Over Rmb¥50 million (US$8.77 million) has been put into the project, and upon its completion the airport will open new routes to Hong Kong, Japan and South Korea.

Shanghai-Tokyo Flights Open

A new air route has begun by All Nippon Airways, running from Shanghai to Tokyo and back. There will be return flights every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, linking these two important Asian cities. There are already nine other foreign airlines that operate flights into Shanghai.

New Temple Built in Shaanxi

A new temple dedicated to the legendary Emperor Yan Di, also known as Shennong, has been built in the city of Baoji in Shaanxi Province. This is the largest temple ever built to commemorate Shennong, who is said to have taught the Chinese people how to farm and collect medicinal herbs. In Baoji, discoveries have been made of Neolithic Age tools and pottery, indicating that there were humans here as long as 10,000 years ago. Historians have found that, according to records, Shennong lived for a time in what is now called Shennong Town in the Weibin District of Baoji.

Tourism Zone Near Xi'an

Plans are underway for a new tourism development zone 50 kilometres from Xi'an in Shaanxi Province, one of the most famous tourist sites in China. The Caotang Temple Tourism Development Zone will be constructed around the ancient Caotang Temple, where the Buddhist master Kumarajiva once translated scriptures. First built in the year 400, the temple is in a beautiful natural environment of cypress and bamboo groves. Investors from abroad and within China are funding projects in the zone, which will include a golf course, a holiday village, an entertainment complex, a religious centre and a conference centre.

Over 1,400 Temples Renovated in Tibet

More than 1,400 of Tibet's lamaseries, temples and palaces have been renovated since 1980, at a total cost to the State of US$36.8 million, of which US$10.5 million was spent repairing Lhasa's Potala Palace. This year, the government of the Tibet Autonomous Region will spend a further US$3.5 million on large-scale repairs to Gandan Temple.

In addition, over US$500,000 has been set aside for work on the Drokong Temple, an important lamasery in Lhasa. Some of the projects already completed include extensive renovations to the Samye Temple, the oldest in Tibet, and Tashilhunpo Monastery in Xigazê.

Taihu Lake to Become Holiday Resort Area

The vast Taihu Lake area is soon to become an important tourist zone, with construction already underway on holiday resorts. Stretching between the cities of Suzhou and Wuxi in Jiangsu Province, the lake's natural scenery makes it an ideal setting for tourism. Plans include 100 European-style villas and an amusement park. Companies from Hong Kong, Macau and China have bought, or are intending to buy, 1.5 million square metres of land in the lake region. To prevent builders from destroying the area's natural beauty, regulations concerning the level of development have been instituted.

Coastal Holiday Resort in Guangxi

A new holiday resort is being built 30 kilometres from the coastal city of Beihai in the southern part of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Named for the colour of the sand on which it is built, The Golden Beach Resort covers 37 kilometres of coastline and will offer all the amenities of an international tourist centre.

Lotus Festival in Fujian

Fujian Province will be holding a Lotus Festival from August 18 to 20 in Jianning County, located in the western part of the province near the border with Jiangxi. Jianning has a 1,000-year history of cultivating lotus plants, and in ancient times they were sent as tribute to the imperial court. Now, lotus plants are the county's main export, thus the festival will also include a trade fair and seminar. Overseas business people from several countries are expected to attend.

Monastery Being Renovated in Hebei

Renovation work has begun on a 1,200-year-old Buddhist monastery near the city of Shijiazhuang in Hebei Province. Called the Mingyue Monastery, it is located in Rongcheng County between the city of Baiyangdian and a market town called Baigou. The monastery will be renovated to include prayer halls, a scripture tower, a bell tower and a drum tower.

Shenzhen to Build 24-Hour Golf Club

Asia's first 24-hour golf club is being constructed in Shenzhen, just across the border from Hong Kong. Called the Sand River Golf Club, it will cost US$64 million to build and will be completed by early 1995. The international-standard, 27-hole golf course and its facilities will be located on a 152-hectare stretch of land along Shenzhen Bay.

Xuan Paper Festival

People interested in calligraphy might want to attend the international Xuan Paper Festival to be held in October in Anhui Province's Jingxian County. Xuan paper is a high-quality rice paper used for calligraphy and painting, and is made locally in Anhui. The goal of the festival is to increase cultural and economic exchanges with other countries.

Stone Tombs Discovered in Shandong

New archaeological discoveries have been made near Shandong Province's southern city of Jining. Found in a suburb called Luqiao were 26 small stone tombs, nine of which contained murals and figurines. In addition, pots, boxes, cooking utensils, pottery, plus terracotta and iron products were found, dating back to the Western Han Dynasty (206 B.C.-A.D. 24).

Cultural Festival in Xinjiang

In mid-August there will be a cultural festival in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region's city of Aksu. Aksu is located on the outer fringes of the Taklimakan Desert near the borders of both Kazakhstan and Kirghizstan, making this a unique centre of trade and culture. The one-week festival will feature exhibits on some of the cultural relics found in the region, plus tourist activities such as visiting Buddhist caves nearby and ruins of ancient cities. Besides touring the area's many scenic and cultural attractions, the festival will also include sporting events and trade fairs.

Qigong Course in Hebei

Practitioners of the ancient Chinese technique called *qigong* might be interested in a 20-day international *qigong* master training course to be held in Hebei Province's Beidaihe area, not far from Beijing. The course, sponsored by the National Qigong Education Centre, will take place from August 20 to September 15 at the Beidaihe Qigong Therapy Hospital. The purpose of the course is to teach the correct and original way to practise *qigong* and to dispell any false notions about this technique, which is sometimes taught improperly.

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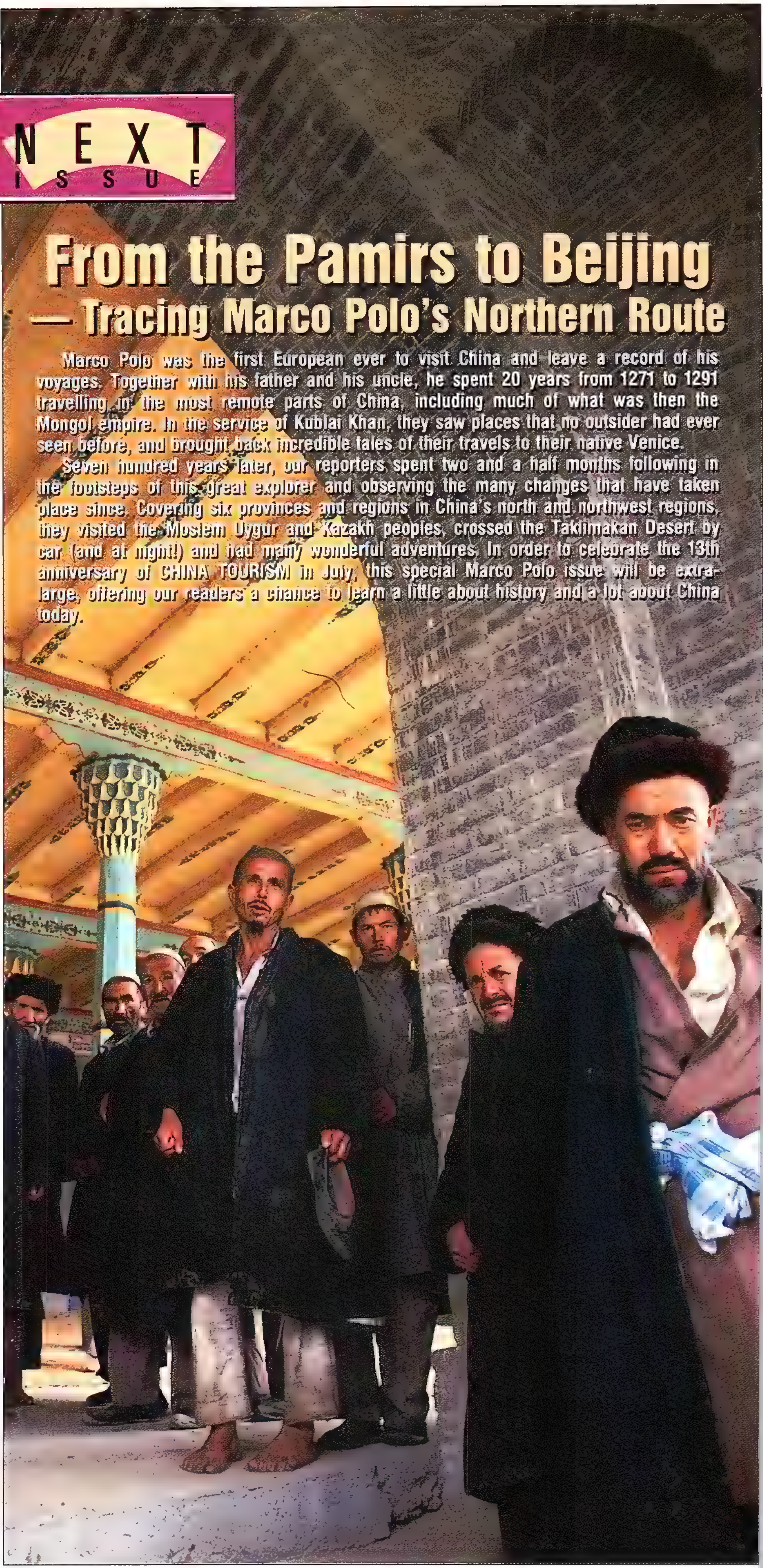

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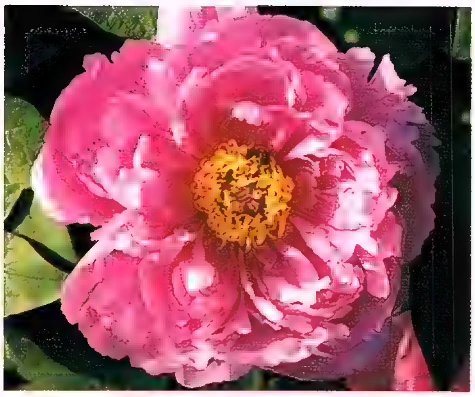

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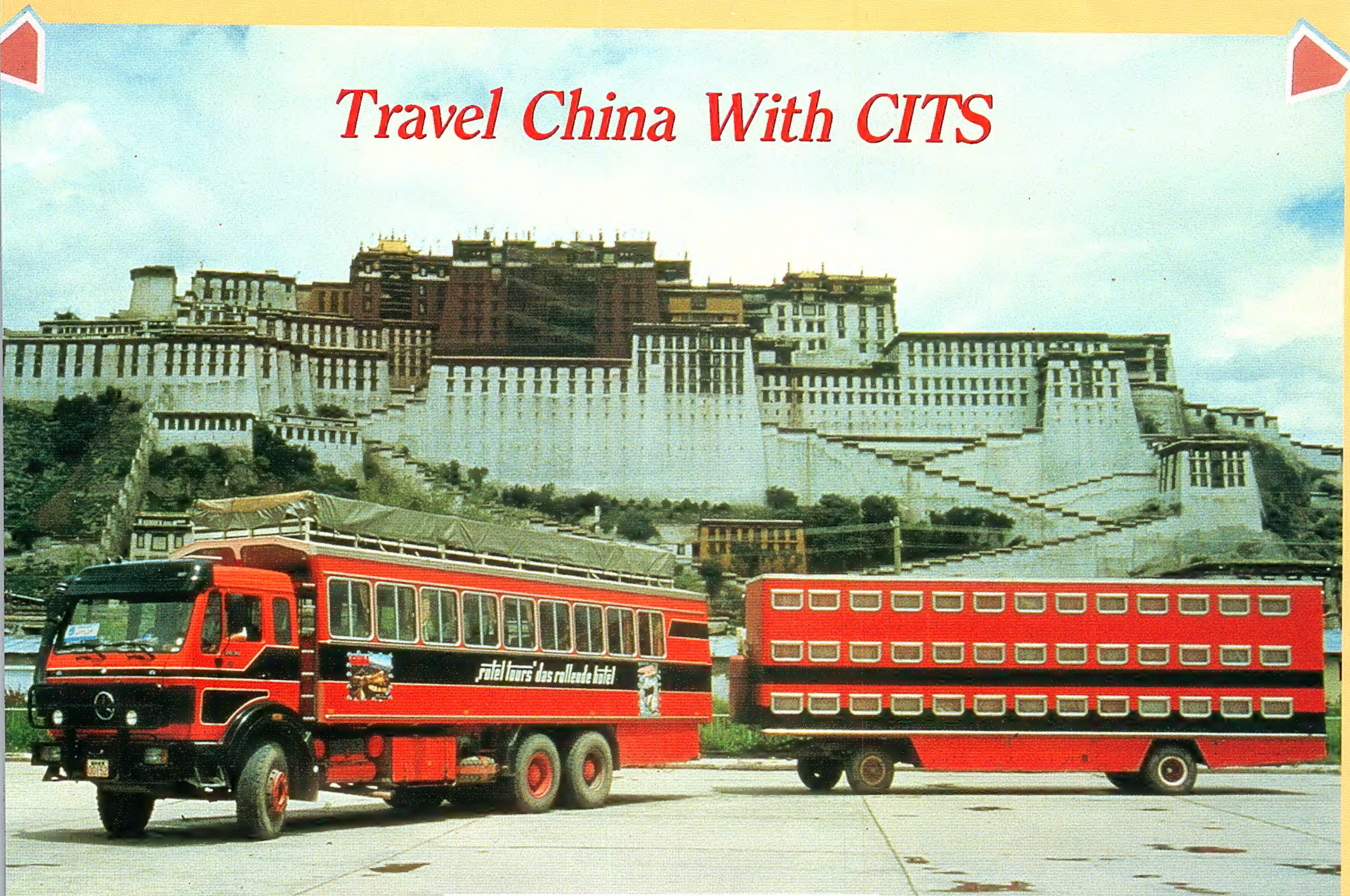
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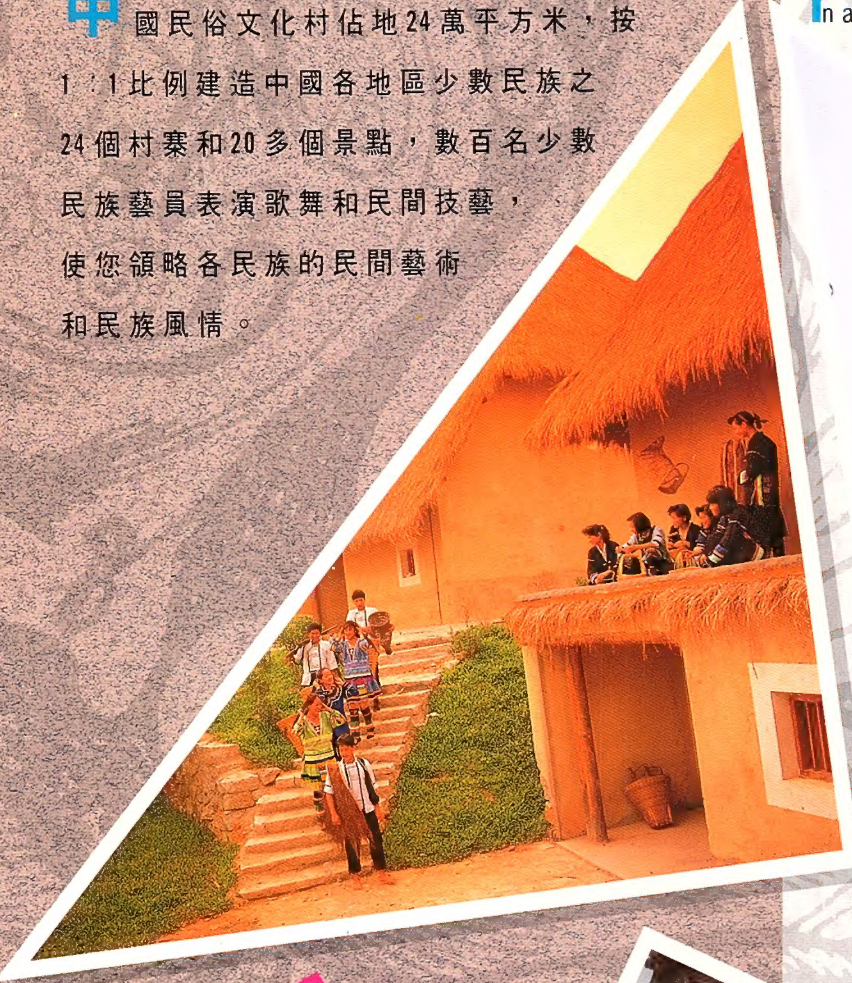

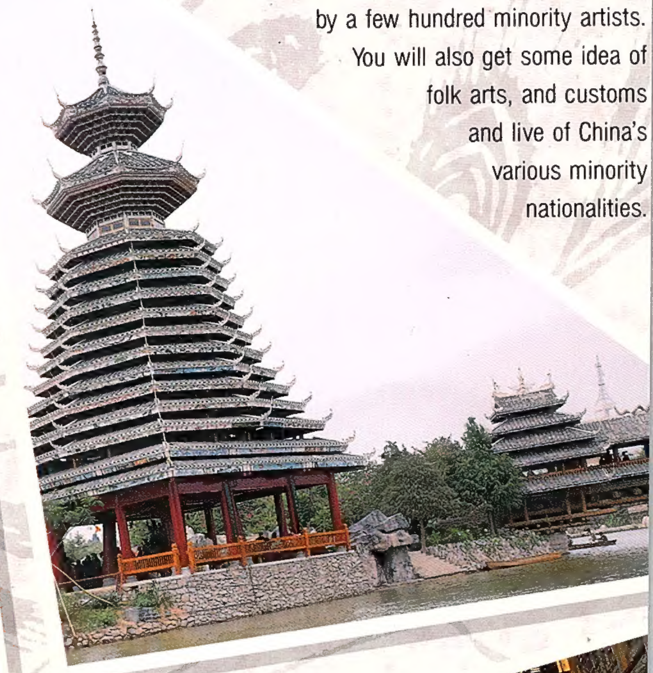

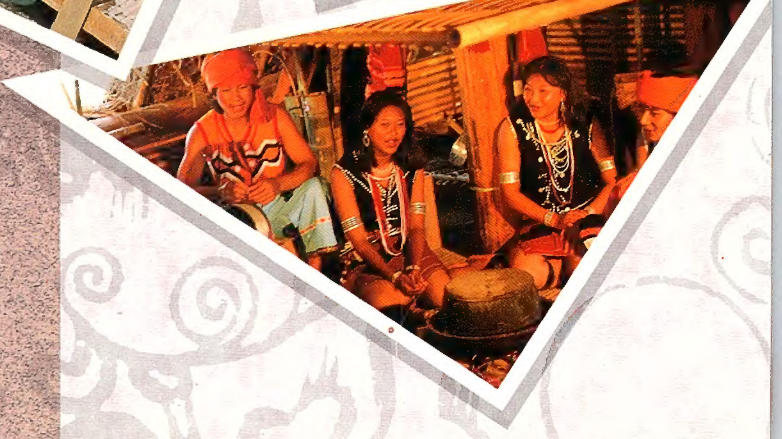

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